Richard Williams in Las Vegas

ID anyone seriously imagine there could be any other kind of ending? After six minutes and 50 seconds of boxing here on Saturday the natural order re-asserted itself when Mike Tyson deprived Frank Bruno of the World Boxing Council heavyweight title by a technical knockout after a whiriwind of punches that left the defending champion's senses in disarray.

But in case anyone should think

that it was easy pickings for the challenger, Tyson's demeanour at the end of the fight showed the significance he attached to success in the first stage of his attempt to reunify the three heavyweight titles. He fell to his knees, bowing at Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, who was sitting at ringside. And, when the new champion had the WBC belt safely around his midriff, he came to the edge of the platform to show it off to the world.

Bruno had held the title for 197 days, an achievement of which he can be justifiably proud and which will ensure him a special standing among his fellow countrymen for as long as he lives. This, they will say, was a man who got into a boxing ring with Mike Tyson not once but twice; he will be admired for the dogged courage with which, in the course of a 14-year professional career, he found ways to overcome a complete lack of innate aptitude for the game's techniques.

Tyson, of course, is the most natural of fighters, elemental in his fe-ural of fighters, elemental in his ferocity and his understanding of how | save Bruno from further punishment.

said that the Bruno of 1996 could

not match the achievement of his vounger self, who had lasted five

rounds in 1989 and briefly but mem-

orably hurt a man who at the time

looked the most invincible fighter

Saturday's opening round must

nevertheless have been among the

most impressive Bruno has fought.

Tyson rushed at him atraight away,

looking to get inside his guard. Bruno opened with textbook left

jabs and held his own in a series of

furious exchanges until, with only

10 seconds left on the clock, Tyson

unloaded a long straight right which

caught Bruno on the left eye.

Bruno retreated to his corner and

George Francis began working on a

deep cut an inch long. Effectively the fight ended at that

moment. Thereafter Bruno's prime

concern was to protect the eye from

further injury; he never got a chance

to devise a counter-attack. The jab

had lost its authority. Now Tyson

found a more tentative response

Half a minute into the third round,

Tyson launched the assault that

broke the champion. It began with

two big lefts to the jaw, followed by a

right and a left to the head which

forced Bruno back into the ropes.

Bruno's defence was now non-exis-

tent. Tyson unleashed a series of

three right-hand uppercuts. A further

left and right as Bruno fell against the

every time he walked forward.

since Marciano.

Cricket World Cup final: Australia v Sri Lanka Sri Lanka light up the world

to use his limited stature against Mike Selvey in Lahore bigger opponents. Yet it must be

RI LANKAN cricket came of age on Sunday under the spangle of the Gaddafi Stadium floodlights when they beat Australia by seven wickets to win the World Cup, 15 years after they became a Test-playing nation. They are the first aide to win the trophy after batting second.

It was the stuff of dreams for Sri Lanka and their captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who was presented with the giant antique-silver trophy by Pakistan's prime minister Benazir

Twenty-two deliveries remained when Ranatunga, who as a 17-yearold had batted in his country's first Test, leaned back and delicately ran Glenn McGrath to the third-man boundary to reach 47 and launch celebrations in Colombo that will last for weeks.

At the other end Aravinda de Silva, master bataman, raised his arms in triumph before disappear ing into a mob of team-mates and supporters. In the previous over the finest of leg-glances had given him his 12th boundary to take him to 103 and a place in the World Cup history books alongside Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards as the only batsmen to score a century in a final. Together the pair had compiled a fourth-wicket partnership of 97 — De Silva finishing with 107 - and overhauled with ease Australia's modest 241 for seven.

Earlier De Silva and Asanka Gurusinha had put things back on course with a third-wicket partner-

3 Tree-top tall, and part below the

4 Sponge of leader at sea (8)

5 2's Roman god embracing

6 Yoko doesn't dance alone

American sweet (6)

7 Prophet endlessly devouring

8 Leave people ordering otters in

5 University city, radio village (9)

17 Goes on providing revenue (8)

18 Crone with cet changing into

20 A portion of sweet and sour

21 Member is with Tory leader,

being one skilled in the laws (6)

Chinese hedgehog (6)

23 Guide for young ox (5)

Anglican? (6)

a shop (10,5)

(2,4,3)



Victory waltz . . . Srl Lanks begin the celebrations which was

ship that yielded 125 after Australia had dismissed the pinch-hitters Jayasuriya and Kaluwitharana by

The impact of this victory will be massive. For years Sri Lankan cricket has been treated shabbily by many countries, its talents going un-

This was not a victory achieved against the odds, for Sri Lanka were no underdogs. It was founded on spin bowling that kept the Australia innings in check, at a time when it might have pressed on to a more competitive total, on top-class catching in the deep and on batting of the highest calibre.

Australia, by contrast, never quite found their way after a start that had seen them to 137 for one by the 27th over. Only Mark Taylor (74) and Ricky Ponting, who made 45, looked in any measure of control while they were at the crease, adding 101 for the second wicket after Mark Waugh had chipped a gentle catch

to square leg. On this of all days the Australia batamen chose not to dig in but get themselves out, with Taylor caught on the sweep, Ponting bowled mak-ing too much room to cut, Steve Waugh turning his bat too early and skying a catch to long-on from the leading edge, and Stuart Law slicing to backward point. No one sold him-

They were hampered by the com-bined spin of Muralitharan, Dharmasena, De Silva, whose three wickets meant it was quite a day for him, and Jayasuriya. From the 24th over, when Taylor hit the last of his eight boundaries — there was a until Bevan struck two fours in the penultimate over, the rope had been crossed only once, in the 43rd over. when Beyan pulled Dharmasena for six. When Australia wanted to crack

on there was nothing left. Nothing can detract from the quality of Sri Lanka's batting, however. Just as in their semi-final they

Thereafter it was exhibition stoff led by De Silva, who on-drove his first ball for three with such majest that runs for him looked an i evitability. He found support from Gurusinha, whose normally reserved play gave way to an assac on Warne that culminated in one the strokes of the tournament, a mi cudgelled miles over long-on. With Sri Lanka always up with the required run-rate, it was a needless rash stroke that cost him his wide as he heaved mightly at Reiffel and was bowled, having made 65 from

But any hopes of a breakthrough for Australia were quickly dashed with the appearance of Ranatunga, who began as he was to finish, ro ning a ball fine to the third-na boundary. He never looked but His gem of an innings, scored from 37 balls, took the pressure from his partner De Silva, who was quite co tent to work the ball around before bursting into life again with a serie of wristy strokes to confirm his merited Man of the Match award

### Scoreboard

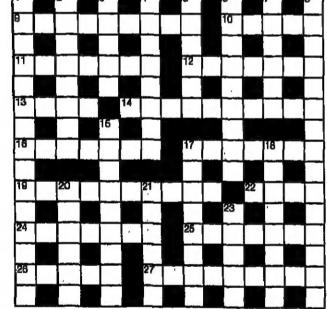
A A Taylor o Jayasuriya b De Sike G Law c De Silva b Jaynsurly M G Beven not out.
I A Healy b De Silva
P Redifet not out
Extres (Ib10, w11, nb1)

10-0-47-1; Jayesuriya 8-0-43-1; De Sent

**BRI LANKA** 8 T Jayseurlya run out K S Kakwitharana c Beven b Flaming A P Gurusinhe b Ralifel P A de Silva not out A Renetunge not out Exires (b1, ib4, w6, nb1)

Total (for 3, 48.2 overs) Fall of wloketet 12, 23, 148. Bowling: McGrath 8.2-1-28-0, Reming 44 43-1; Warns 10-0-58-0; Refint 10-0-6 (iii Waugh 6-0-35-0; S R Waugh 3-0-15-0; B

Cryptic crossword by Orlando



H. W.

les

9 Bush acquires English to oecome an American author (9) 10 Ulater award for tearful queen (5)

has to cheat (7) 12 Game making some American a

11 Government leader; in the end,

13 Number of sheets - about a

millon (4) 14 Free from self-contradiction,

what's inside is outside and centre of outside is inside (10)

16 Red meal turns green (7) 17 Gas for glass? (7)

22 Caledonian tax (4) 24 Chagrin, being put out with bending (7) 25 Former model including model

living no longer . . . (7) 26 . . . morlbund, already in grave,

27 Marginal entry in Chambera about battle? (9)

1 Hasn't seal finder rocks off the Northumberland coast? (3,5,7) Last week's solution

PHHPSCFT
ITINERANT LARGO
CLDSAEIW
UREANT LARGO
UREPIRANT
RAINTOUCHANDGO
UREPIRANDGO
UREPIRANDGO
UREPIRANDGO
URETHR
RAINTOUCHANDGO

© Guardian Publications Ltd., 1996. Published by Guardian Publications Ltd., 164 Deansgate, Manchester, M60 2RR, and printed by WCP Commercial Printing, Leck.



# TheGuardian

on the son polyand the control of th

Vol 154, No 16 Week ending April 21, 1996 Weekly



Children give victory signs as they flee in a car damaged by Israeli strikes on the town of Nabatiyeh in south Lebanon

# West in disarray over Israeli offensive

ESTERN efforts to broker a diplomatic solution to the fighting in Lebanon were in disarray on Monday as Israel rejected French calls for a ceasefire and British ministers issued contradictory statements.

France's foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, met the Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, before travelling to Syria and Lebanon on Tuesday in a move that was conspicuously unco-ordinated with its European Union partners, and contrary to United States backing for Israel's

But Mr Peres said bhuntly on Monday that he was not ready to negotiate an end to the five-day-old air and artillery blitz against Hizbullah guerrillas, code-named Opera-tion Grapes of Wrath.

"It is too early to negotiate." Mr Peres said when asked what were Israel's conditions for an end to the most serious military action in the Middle East since the Arab Israeli peace process took off in September 1993. An Israeli official said larael wanted the US, not France, to

The United Nations Security Council met on Monday night, but the debate ended without a vote or a formal statement. Lebanon's UN ambassador. Samir Moubarak, urged the council to provide. Lebanon with a massive assistance programme "to overcome the suffering and casualties". He said the new cycle of violence had been triggered on purpose by the Israells to serve the electoral ambi-

tions of the Israeli government". Meanwhile, Katyusha rockets fired by Hizbullah guerrillas slammed into northern Israel again on Tuesday, the sixth day of cross-border fighting. Rocket attacks have wounded 45 people, in a week. In response, Israeli air and artillery.

silence was observed by Israeli i unofficial 1993 agreement under forces engaged in Operation Grapes of Wrath, but they quickly resumed air attacks, including a raid on a Palestinian refugee camp.

European peace efforts seemed doomed after EU diplomats criticised France for ignoring mechanisms for co-ordinating foreign policy, and complained that Paris was seeking to enhance its own role after President Jacques Chirac's recent visit to Beirut and his affirmstion of Lebanese independence.

Western governments have been unable to reconcile the contradiction between their support for the peace process, their opposition to Hizbuilah and its Iranian supporters, and the fact that Israel has been occupying part of Lebanon for more than a decade.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik al-Hariri, before leaving Paris on Monday where he sought sympathy and support, said: "If there were no [Israeli] occupation, there would be no reason for Hizbullah to exist." came clear.

Diplomats said Friday's state-But Mr Hariri was also quoted as

saying Syria was ready to help restrain Hizbullah if Israel ceased

newspaper Le Monde, he said Israel and Hizbullah ahould revert to an tification for Hizbullah actions.

Trading rocket fire

its attacks.

which each side pledged to avold hitting civilian targets. Asked whether he had asked Syria to use its influence on Hizbullah, Mr Hariri said: "We have asked the Syrian state . . . It will do so if Israel respects the accord."

Confusion over Britain's position arose when the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, on a prearranged visit to Israel, gave strong backing to its attacks.

"I would not describe the Israeli reaction as disproportionate," Mr Portillo told reporters. "Israel is clearly facing a very substantial terrorist threat from Hizbullah, which is designed to undermine the peace

Mr Portillo was apparently rely-ing on the text of a letter he delivered to Mr Peres from John Major, and which was reflected in a highly supportive statement issued by the Foreign Office last Friday, before. the scale of the Israeli operation be-

ment had been dictated by Downing Street against Foreign Office oppo-sition. It said: When the peace process offers a non-violent way for ward there can be absolutely no jus-

> How violence escalated

largell soldiers in the zone in south Lebanon occupied by Israel March 10: One igrael solder is kiljet March 20: A Hizbulah sukkio pomber kills one jarsel sokiler nagr j

March 30: Israel forces shell village

Hizbullah and you can see what hap-

Late on Monday the Foreign Office said: "We are disturbed by the increasing effects on civilians, despite Israel's efforts to avoid civilian loss of life, and by the growing humanitarian problems as large num-

bers of people flee." Since Thursday last week, when Israeli bombers attacked Beirut for the first time in 13 years, Israeli gunfire and air strikes have killed at least 24 people and driven an estimated 400,000 from their homes.

Mr Peres, who faces an election in six weeks time, seemed close to anger on Monday when asked if the operation against the Lebanese had been ordered to boost his campaign. "In democracies you don't play with the lives of people to make any political advantages," he replied

Several commentators, however, have pointed out that Mr Peres, who has answered critics who accused him of a dangerous obsession with peacemaking at all costs, is gambling for high stakes with the military option.

Israel's steady diplomatic progress in the Middle East appears o have been unaffected by its continuing bombardment of south Lebanon, On Monday Tunisia became the fourth Arab state after Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco to establish diplomatic links with Israel.

gion, Egypt and Jordan, have both expressed concern about the action n Lebanon but have stopped well short of formal protests.

Most Arab countries have made a muted response to the fighting, with the predictable exceptions of Iranand Iraq, both of which have issued condemnations.

## Tories suffer humiliation at byelection

Rebecca Smithers

ABOUR swept to a sensational victory in the critical Staffordshire South-East byelection last week, wresting the seat from the Conservatives with a huge 22 per cent swing in a humiliating blow to John Major's Government.

The 13,762 majority astounded even Labour strategists. Their candidate Brian Jenkins, aged 53, boosted by a healthy turnout of 59.61 per cent -43,525 voters — sent the Conservatives to their 35th consecutive byelection defeat.

Mr Major's Commons majority is now cut to a perilous one, increasing the likelihood of an autumn general election. Disgruntled Tory supporters withdrew their support in a fatal blow to the Conservatives, which left their candidate Jimmy James trailing with 12,393 votes to Labour s 26.155.

As the Conservatives moved swiftly to play down the signifi-cance of the loss for the Government's credibility, Labour triumphantly hailed it as an endorsement of positive policies to give Britain a fresh start, and a buge blow for the Tories in a classic Conservative seat. 'This

is a stunning result," said Lebour leader Tony Bluir in Washington. The contest, which was triggered by the death last December of the Conservative whip Sir David Lightbown, had been described as the most important of this Parliament.

The Liberal Democrats trailed In a poor third, losing their deposit with 2,042 votes.

Comment, page 12

Bosnia pledged \$1.8 billion aid

South Africa hears bitter truth

Mr Blair goes to Washington

India stumbles towards elections

Faido takes Masters crown

Austria AS30 Netherlands G 4.75
Belgium BF75 Netherlands G 4.75
Denmark DK16 Norway NK 16
Finland FM 10 Portugal E300
France FF.13 Sauci Arebia SR 6.50
Germeny DM 4 Spein P 300
Greece DH 400 Sweden SK 19
Itely L 3,000 Swetzerlands SF 3.30 -0/ Even Syria, which has about 35,000 soldiers in Lebanon and will lost the benefit of an explosive start, rorthem largel. April 8: A bomb kills a Lebengee bo with Jayasuriya deemed run-out by April 64 A bomb kits a Labanese boy
in a guerifie-held south Lebanori Village
April 64 Hizbuileh fires Kativaha cock
eta joto northern jaraet, wounding 36.
April 10: Hizbuileh jahlis the
cocupied zone kitting is bottler.

April 11. enwander, laraet teunches.
multiple attacks. the third umpire — a harsh decision nevitably play a leading role in any ceasefire, has retrained from an allattacks have forced up to half a mil-- and Kaluwitharana mistiming a Umpires; 6 A Bucknor and D R Sight Bri Lanka won by seven wickels. lion people to flee their homes in 2 Ankle was twisted in ballet (4,4) pull to midwicket. but attack on Israel's tactics, . . Lebanon, Israel stopped for two minutes on Tuesday to remember victims of the Nazi holocaust. The IRRAEL S SYRIA Second class postage paid at New York, N.Y., and mailing offices. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

his Christian faith and his political convictions (Blair enrages Conservatives by enlisting God on his side, April 14). I find the reactions by some Tory politicians to his comments to be curious indeed, to the point of disingenuousness.

Many Christians see the search for just a society as an essential dimension of the Christian faith. This often leads to views and stands on political issues that would normally be perceived as left-of-centre. Many thoughtful and serious Christians are drawn to the left-of-centre political parties because they view these groups as supporting social values similar to those advocated by the Christian faith.

Read any one of the four Gospels in the New Testament, then answer this question: "Could you imagine Jesus of Nazareth, as he was described in the Gospels, voting for a rightwing political party?"
(The Rev) Robert J Faser,

MEARLY 15 years ago, a friend now climbing to dizzy heights in the Tory party was lamenting the broadly held belief that the only people with any ideals or altruism must be socialists and that to be virtuous and a Conservative were in-

He extended his extremely able mind in the pursuit of a positive image to justify his allegiance to the Conservatives. All he came up with were notions of efficient management and business sense.

The latest howl of pain suggests that the Tories know they have

AM encouraged to hear Tony | find anything better to cloak their philosophy and that they've blown efficiency and managerial claims too.

Hayfield, Derbyshire

TONY BLAIR has got something right but did not go far enough. Christianity may be summed up as succour the weak, the sick and the poor at the expense of the strong, the healthy and the rich". Post-1979 Conservatism puts it the opposite way round: "Support the strong, the healthy and the rich at the expense of the weak, the sick and the poor."

AM pleased that Tony Blair should attack Conservative selfinterest as un-Christian. But will he apply his views to his own party? It contains several MPs and prospective MPs whose excessive wealth and luxurious lifestyles are inconsis tent with both socialism and Christianity. What will our leader do about these Labour Pharisees?

Beijing attack unwarranted

EITH RICHBURG'S attempt to vilify China (Washington Post, March 31) is wrong-headed and illntended. It does ask the questions which must be asked - how can China be convinced to follow acceptfailed, in the intervening years, to able trade rules, on, say, selling nu-



Rest of the Worl	226.50
10: The Guardian Weekly, 164 Deansg Please mail The Guardian Weekly for Name	ate, Manchester M60 2RR, England  6 months Q 1 year to:-
Address	

I enclose payment of £...... Tick if this is a renewal order by Sterling cheque drawn on UK bank/Sterling Eurocheque psyable to The Guardian Weekly or C Please debit my Visa/MesterCard/American Express card number: Cardholder's signature.

Credit card subscription orders may be sent to fax no: +44 (0) 161 876 5362 e-mail inquiries to: gwauba@guardian.co.uk

I prefer not to receive promotional offers from selected companies

clear goods — but it imbeds these | for the major air pollution of cities

Richburg's arguments do serve to point to any resolution of the new situation in Asia. Rather than propose the surrounding states dump their reserves into buying arms from the West, they should dump those funds into buying media and entertainment technology and knowledge from the West. Thus was won the Cold War I.

China's lack of democracy seems less tractable. But it has a context. The context is that the country holds, Mr Richburg notes, 22 per cent of the world's population. Keeping them alive, healthy, and eating well is a monumental task for government

Given our own inability to make arge bureaucracies work, China seems to be doing quite well (Mr. Richburg cites a 10 per cent economic growth rate). We should do what we can to assist, perhaps offering carrots rather than sticks, and not act in a way to reinforce racist images of the West. Fred Ryan,

Editor, The Pontiac Journal. Fort Coulonge, Quebec, Canada

### Mandela's breath of fresh air

THANK YOU for giving us Frédéric Chambon's article (Le Monde, March 31). Nelson Mandela's approach to foreign policy comes through as a wonderful breath of fresh air in official international relations. The departments of foreign affairs of the Western democracies and the political commentators evidently do not like this approach. We are treated to phrases like: "The president's idiosyncratic diplomacy", "confusion and chunsi-

They contrast strikingly with quotes from Mandela himself: "My line of conduct is to receive anyone who asks to see me, whether or not I share his ideas", and "They are my friends who were with us when we

were alone". We were all against apartheld, but Mandela must not admit that Castro and Gadafy were friends of the ANC during their long struggle, in case he risks ruffling the feathers of Helmut Kohl and Al Gore. He must not talk to representatives of Hamas or the Algerian Islamic Front as it brings protests from the

Jewish community.
Perhaps President Mandela has not yet learned the niceties of diplomatic relationships. Or perhaps he sees current diplomatic practices as contributing to persistent hostile atitudes, terrorism, and war. He may see an advantage for the world community in dialogue with, rather than ostracism of, those who hold views we do not accept.

Alan Phillips, Joyce Phillips. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

### Smoking out beef's dangers

URELY if we accept that Ameri-Can states have the right to sue tobacco companies to pay medical bills for smokers (Washington Post, March 24), this opens the way to sue cattle feed producers over mad cow disease, chemical companies for widespread pollution of drinking cruelty. water with agricultural and indus-(Prof) Muhammad al-Mas'ari. trial chemicals, car manufacturers | London

eading to a massive increase in isthma and other breathing problems, arms dealers over world-wide maining and death caused to peasant farmers in many countries, plus innumerable other industries and governments for damaging people and the environment we all live in. At least smokers, unlike people affected by the above mentioned, do

Michael James, Riogordo, Malaga, Spain

it to themselves.

THE restoration of consumer confidence in British beef is an urgent priority. Martin Walker unwittingly suggests how this could be achieved (Baby come and light my cigarette, March 31) when he describes how a beleaguered American tobacco industry survived intact through the use of steamy classified ads that "take seasoned voyeurs to realms of experience that are be-yond mere pornography". It would be a simple matter to replace the cigarette with a nice juicy beef steak and turn it into an irresistible erotic experience that would have the con-

French consumers would swamp cross-Channel transport in their rush to enjoy the ultimate erotic experience of eating British beef. Meddling bureaucrats in Brussels would no doubt pass a law forbidding the sale of erotic steaks unless they were labelled "Parental guidance is recommended when feeding this product to children. This product can endanger your

A J Lenton, Balgowan, South Africa

### Saudi opposition with a difference

DAVID HIRST spent too much time in the sun in Riyadh or perhaps he fell into bad company (Saudi opposition has much in common with regime, April 14). The Saudi opposition is fighting for an elected, accountable government in our country. Surely this is more than a shade different from the Saudi regime, which has never permitted any elections at any time in its history?

Of course, the basic "constitu-tion" of Arabia would be Islamic; 99.99 per cent of our people are sincere Muslims. Why is that different from the German constitution, for example, which requires a commitment to democracy and against fascism from its electoral political

Mr Hirst says that our rulers are fundamentalist". Untrue. They are hypocrites who cloak themselves in their own mutilated version of Islam while violating each and every tenet

The Saudi opposition stands for an independent judiciary and a free Vancouver, Can press able to criticise it and the elected government. How different from the Riyadh visited by Mr Hirst.

Mr Hirst says that "all Saudi fundamentalists end up taking the Christian West as their models". When Mr Gandhi was asked what he thought of "Western civilisation" he replied: "Yes I think that would be a good idea." The Saudi regime exists only because of the West which, in return, turns a blind eye to Saudi corruption, hypocrisy and

THE CURRENT fighting in the

Liberian capital, Monrovia, threatens a new disaster on top of an existing humanitarian emergency (Warlords rampage in Liberian capital, April 14). For the first time in five years war has entered the centre of Monrovia, turning what had been a safe haven for up to 1 million civilians into a nightman of conflict and looting.

Briefly

As our 1995 report suggested, the international powers should r engage with Liberia, and the Ul should take back the reins of diplo matic negotiation. Mark Bowden, Africa director,

Save The Children Fund, London

I OHN WARBURTON (April 14 Complains that sexism is accept able in the armed forces. This re sults not only in incidents such as the killing of Louise Jensen but also widespread homophobia

Surely the raison d'être of armed orces — the furtherance of a state's ambitions (defensive or offensive) by young men armed both with guns and trained bellicosity - precludes such delicacy.

The day when the "representa ive" soldier is able to reason against homophobia or sexism may be the day he can reason against his own existence as a soldier. Sydney, Australia

AM surprised that police chiefs wish to extend the remit of Commander Grieve, head of the antiterrorist branch, to include environmental activists (Police call for anti-terror squads to spy on greens, April 7). This story substantiates what we have consistently suspected: that the police are not impartial and are being used as security guards for the Department of Trade and other vested interests. such as animal exporters. Hugo Charlton,

C TEPHEN BATES'S concern for O Europe's "grey future" is unwarranted (March 17). After a fall in feetility a period of relatively more aged must follow, but demographers are ant to forget that the de pendent population also includes those too young to work and the unemployed. Both these groups are lessened by a low birth rate. If ever there is too much work for those of working age it will be a delightful

A lower birth rate means health ier babies and mothers. It's part of a better life for women. In this respect Europe sets a good example, which women in the rest of the world are following, although none too

(Dr) Guy Richards,

### The Guardian Weekly

April 21, 1996 Vol 154 No 16

Fax: 44-171-242-0985 (UK: 0171-242 0985);

e-mail; weekly@guardien.co.uk.

Copyright @ 1996 by Quardian Publications Ltd., 119 Famingdon Road, London. United Kingdom. All rights reserved. Annual aubacription rates are £47 (United Kingdom); £52 (Europe inc. Eire); £55 USA and Canada; 200 Rest of World. Letters to the Editor and other editorial correspondence to: The Guardian Weekly. 75 Farringdon Road, London EO1M 3HQ.:

### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS** 3

# Bosnia secures \$1.8bn aid package

ONOR nations fulfilled critical dimension of the Dayton peace accords at the weekend by making new financial commitments to reach their goal of \$1.8 billion for the reconstruction of Bosnia this year. Representatives of 50 countries

who attended a two-day conference hosted by the World Bank and the European Union pledged \$1.23 billion while vowing to accelerate the flow of aid over the summer so that the Bosnian people will be able to reap tangible peace dividends by the time elections are held in early

After nearly four years of war, an enduring truce has been established under the Nato-led peace-

keeping force. The United States | that the Serbs ran the risk of deprivand European nations have emphs | ing themselves of the peace dividend sised that greater attention must now by focused on rebuilding the Bosnian economy so that rival Serbs, Croats and Muslims will have a stake in sustaining peace after the peacekeepers leave at the

end of the year.

But the Bosnian Serbs, heeding a boycott call by their leader, Radovan Karadzic, have refused to co-operate. They did not send any representatives to the conference prompting the other delegations to declare that the Serbs would not share in any aid money until they show greater compliance with last year's Dayton agreement.

Carl Bildt, the former Swedish prime minister who is spearheading the reconstruction effort, warned

f they maintain their support for Mr Karadzic and the military commander, Ratko Mladic. Both have been indicted by the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague, and the US has said that under the terms of Dayton, hey cannot long remain in office.

The World Bank and the EU estimate that Bosnia will require more than \$5 billion in aid over the next three to four years to jump-start the recovery process from the devastation caused by Europe's bloodiest conflict since the second world war. Per capital income has fallen to a

quarter of its pre-war levels while industrial production is barely 10 per cent. One million refugees are scattered around Europe, while of those who stayed behind, three-quarters

Between the dual entities set up in Bosnia by the Dayton peace ac-cords, the Muslim-Croat federation s supposed to get \$3.7 billion of the aid money while \$1.4 billion is slated for the Bosnian Serb Republic. "We all know we have a tough job

o do," said the World Bank president, James Wolfensohn. "There is a sense of urgency, but we now have, believe, a strong endorsement by the nternational community." Mr Wolfensohn said most of the

money would be devoted to urgent infrastructure tasks, such as re-building utilities, roads and farms, so that recovery can be sped up during the mild weather seasons that are more conducive to construction

He emphasised that public works should be used to create jobs for the 250.000 soldiers who are being de-

mobilised. — Washington Post Ian Traynor in Bonn adds: Ger regime of President Franjo Tudjman has come under strong attack from a German official who has just oult after almost two years trying to reintegrate Mostar, the partitioned capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Hans Koschnick, aged 67, the for-

mer mayor of the north German city of Bremen, returned home at the weekend after throwing in the towel because of lack of support from his own government and the wider international community for key aspects of his scheme to reunite the city.

Mostar was a focal point of the Muslim-Croat war of 1993, when Croat forces kicked virtually all the Muslims out of the western half at gunpoint and then laid siege to the



Riding shotgun . . . Gunmen in a car adorned with the Liberian flag drive past the US embassy nen and looters as food and water run low. Aid workers have been forced to abandon the country: the UN and the Red Cross withdrew when looters overran their offices. Washington Post, page 15

## **Pact sours Turkish ties**

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

URKEYS relations with its Muslim neighbours and the Arab world were further soured last week when it announced that it had asked Iran to withdraw four of its diplomats for "activities incompatible with their status".

The foreign ministry said four Turkish diplomats, accused by Tehran of spying, would also be recalled. "Our diplomats carried out their duties in accordance with international law," the ministry's spokesman, Omer Akbel, said. "They have been accused unjustly."

named as his contacts by an Islamic undamentalist "hitman" arrested in connection with the assassination of Iranian dissidents and prominent Turkish secularists.

The tit-for-tat exchange follows a week of intense criticism of Turkey for signing a military co-operation The Arab League said it was "an |

act of aggression" and "a direct

"We now have to worry about the there.

presence of Israell jet fighters on The Iraqi press said the des

to continue its policy of occupation and colonisation Syria reminded Turkey of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference resolution, supported by An-

would "encourage the Zionist entity

kara, stating that all OIC members should abstain from any form of military, co-operation with Israel while it continued to occupy Arab land. Libya said the accord gave the Is raelia "a dangerous and vulgar

breakthrough which will serve their lans to dominate the region". The worst fighting for a year bedish separatist guerrillas raged last covered mountains of south-eastern | demilitarised zone between the Turkey, with the army closing in on

· Special teams and commandos had carried out cross-border raids on bases of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) in northern Iraq.

. Thirty soldiers and around, 100 members of the PKK were killed in threat against Syria, Lebanon and Iraq as well as other Arab countries said. They are the heaviest casual [which] shows the evil intentions of ties sustained by either side since larael and Turkey towards the the six-week incursion by 35,000 troops into northern Iraq launched Araba". troops into norman and its March to destroy PKK bases

### Clinton seeks Korea talks

RESIDENT Bill Clinton this week proposed four-party talks between North and South Korea, China and the United States to help promote a dialogue between the two Koreas, US officials said.

They said Mr Clinton would discuss the issue on Tuesday during his talks on Cheju island with the South Korean presi-

dent, Kim Young-sam.
Mr Clinton said the US wanted to "do what we can to promote an ultimate reconciliation and an end to the conflict" on the Korean peninsula, after North Koreas, in violation of the armistice agreement.

President Clinton then flew to Tokyo to put the finishing touches to a new defence and security deal with Japan, which will preserve the strength of US forces in the country but lessen what one defence expert calls "the clumsy footprint of the American military". The deal presents the Americans as gracious guests. - Reuter

Washington Post, page 15

## Bomb kills six in a 'political' attack on Imran Khan hospital

Gerald Bourke in Islamebad

MRAN KHAN, the former great cricket all-rounder, condemned as the work of "a savage or an animal" the bombing of his cancer hospital n Lahore on Sunday, in which six eople were killed and more than 30

The attack on the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust Hospital outside Lahore, capital of the Puniab province, is widely seen as an attempt to sabotage his budding political career.

The blast happened just after noon. The bomb, which was hidden under a sofa in the waiting area of the chemotherapy department, destroyed the crowded outpatients area and caused damage worth

"There were bodies everywhere, said Raja Chaudhry, the hospital director. "Doors were blown out and there was mangled furniture all over the place. It's a tragedy. How could anyone bomb a hospital?" He added that Sunday morning, when new patients are registered, was the

ousiest time of the week. Mr Khan's hospital, open for little more than a year, was financed with donations from the public and dedicated to his mother, who died of cancer 10 years ago. Treatment i free for most patients who cannot af-

ford to pay, Mr Khan, who arrived at the hos pital 45 minutes after the blast, said: I would not like to name anyone. But whoever has carried out this cruel act has a very small mind." He said the bomb attack was aimed at frightening him into giving up his social welfare aims. "I want to tell those who want to scare me that, I will move forward with greater de | 1992 World Cup, Mr Khan has be

On Monday Mr Khan threw down the gauntlet to Pakistan's. Western values as shallow, It was a prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, by declaring he would launch himself: into politics later this month.

The legendary cricketer insisted at first he would lead a reform movement rather than a political. party, but then seemed to change: his mind. "Going into politics, and starting a movement for reform are two different things. Or perhaps they are the same thing, Mr. Khan, But his cancer hospital and a re-

our institutions are breaking down." Corruption was "unprecedented"

he said, denouncing the "extravagant lifestyles" of Pakistan's ruling politicians. "We want reform in this country and I'm telling you I speak for the majority of the people," he

Asked whether his group, whose make-up remains obscure, would register as a party and contest elections, he said: "I'm not talking about votes at this time. I'm talking about a movement of people who are sick of the system.

Grassroots disaffection with Ms Bhutto's administration, which is halfway through its five-year term, has turned to exasperation. It has not delivered on promises to raise the living standards of the mostly poor voters who elected it, and is seen as dictatorial and repressive. Aggressive politicisation has under-mined the credibility of the judi-

ciary, bureaucracy, and police. Most of Mr Khan's anger was directed at Ms Bhutto. Asked whether it was significant he had not received her when she visited the hospital after the blast, he replied: "It is very significant. I feel that her government, whether she knows it or not, is responsible for

creating so many hurdles in the way of this hospital. "I didn't want to be here when she was here. It would have been hypocritical of me to stand and smile for people who want to make political capital. I strongly condemn this. I think politicians should make sure they do not capitalise on the miseries of their own people."

Since retiring from cricket after leading his country to victory in the come a controversial figure. He stance at odds with his playboy image as a sports celebrity, and provoked accusations of hypocrisy.

These became more strident las year when, after months of claiming he would like to marry a mode Muslim girl, it emerged he had secretly married Jemima Goldsmith

aged 43, said.

"I am more determined than ever made him hugely popular with Pakithat this country needs reform. This act [the bombing] shows that law cism of the country's ruling elite.



China fails

in show of

democracy

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

HINA'S first attempt to canvasa

Hong Kong public opinion ahead of the 1997 handover de-

scended into pandemonium at the

weekend, with the forcible eviction

#### The Week

BI agents have recovered what they believe is a draft of the "Unabomber" manifesto from the remote Montana cabin of Theodore Kaczynski, the suspect arrested earlier this month.

RESIDENT Clinton has nominated Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, as his new commerce secretary to succeed Ron Brown, who died in a plane crash in Croatia earlier

HE elderly parents of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the executed Nigerian writer and activist, are in hiding amid fears of a renewed crackdown by the military regime against dissidents.

HE US's higgest sexual harassment case, involving more than 300 women, is being brought against a Mitsubishi factory in Illinois by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Washington Post, page 16

A STUNNING collection of Trojan gold, seized by Soviet troops in Nazi Berlin in 1945, went on show in Moscow and immediately provoked demands from Germany for the return of

NE of the 11 hostages being held by separatist rebels in the Baliem Valley of Indonesia's Irian Jaya province is seriously ill while two others are in poor health, officials sold.

A T LEAST 10 terminally ill people have moved to Australia's Northern Territory, where voluntary euthanasia leg-islation comes into effect in July.

A N INDONESIAN soldier ran wild at remote Timika airport in Irian Jaya, shooting dead 15 people — including at least 10 military colleagues.

G ERMAN officials said black-mailers had threatened to poison with lethal snake venom food in stores across Europe unless they received diamonds worth \$263 million.

A UN investigator, Maurice Glele-Ahanhanzo, said that France was being shaken by "a wave of xenophobia and racism' belying its image as the cradle of rumon rights.

ORMER US congres Dan Rostenkowski pleaded guilty in a Washington federal court to two counts of mail fraud. He was sentenced to 17 months in prison and fined \$100,000.

A SWEDISH court has fined a couple \$660 for breaking the law by naming their son Brfoxxcecominpeccellimmipe xxvvclmnckssqlbb11116 -- or Albin for short. .

### **German fire** may lead to charges

John Mullin

GERMAN prosecutors are considering criminal charges against maintenance workers after 16 people died at Düsseldorf in the country's worst airport fire. emerged last week.

They will also consider action against the airport's management. City firefighters were not alerted

Seven Germans, six French, two Italians and one Briton suffocated from poisonous fumes, some while trapped in a lift jammed between floors and others in an Air France waiting lounge. Most of the dead were returning from Easter breaks.

Prosecutor Rolf Chanteaux said: "We have opened an investigation for negligent arson and negligent killing." He said was targeting a wide group of people, not only a group of welders who were working above a flower shop in terminal A when they inadvertently melted a

The sealant dripped onto a false floor containing electrical wiring. The PVC-covered cables began to smoulder, giving off cyanide, chloride, carbon monoxide and possibly

The fumes were funnelled down ventilation shafts to both the arrivals and departures areas and the railway station underneath the terminal. Thick black smoke filled



Footprints of firefighters and fleeing passengers left on the sootstained floor of Düsseldorf airport

As panicking staff and passengers rushed to find fire exits, the wrong evacuation message was then the hall, which was packed with broadcast. A recorded announce- bring the blaze under control

2,500 travellers and staff, within 30 | ment instructed passengers to go down to the arrivals floor -- into the heart of Germany's worst airport

## It took fire fighters five hours to

# S African panel hears bitter truth

David Beresford in East London

"HE name of Karl Andrew Webber did not feature promi-nently in the story of South Africa's liberation struggle but on Monday, as he sat with his mutilated arm held to his chest as the light filtered through stained-glass vindows, there was a sense that he had carved out a small place for himself in history.

This was not so much as a victim of war — in his case, a random shooting in a bar — but as an emblem of reconciliation and peace.

The huge burgundy curtains on the stage in East London's city hall provided a filting backdrop for the 17 members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as they set about uncovering the horrors of the apartheid era. From the moment Archbishop Desmond Tutu clambered up on to the stage to light a "candle of remembrance" it was apparent that the occasion was more one of dramatic performance than

"Arch" — as the Anglican primate few minutes' delay to give national television time to cross to this coastal city. He then led his congregation in a Xhosa hymn before delivering a short homily. "We are charged to unearth the n'uth about our dark past, to lay the ghosts of that past so that they may not return to haunt

wounded nation, for all of us in were then paraded across the stage. | without fathers, suffering detention

best-known of South Africa's litany of deaths in detention - that of Mapetla Mohapi from the Eastern Cape, a friend and colleague of the murdered black consciousness leader, Steve Biko.

Mr Mohapi's widow, Nohle, reounted a tale often told since that night in 1976 when a police officer knocked at her door and said: "I am here to tell you that Mapetla hanged himself with a pair of jeans." She recalled how she had remonstrated with the officer: "He was a person with a vision for the future. He had plans for his life, for his family and his country as a whole. No, not

Taken to identify his body, she was confronted by a black policeman who laughed. "They call themselves leaders and they kill

themselves," he taunted her. The past was abruptly brought home when Archbishop Tutu interrupted, announcing that a bomb warning had been received and the

town hall had to be cleared. Then it was time for details to be incidents from the long list of "disappearances" during the liberation

of a new beginning," he replied.

The African National Congress.

struggle in South Africa. Three more widows took the stand to tell the saga of the "Pepco 3", leaders of a Port Elizabeth black civic group summoned to the local airport by a mysterious telephone us. That it may thereby contribute | call to meet a non-existent British to the healing of a traumatised and consular official - and never seen again. As the women described South Africa are wounded people." their pain — with accounts of the They were familiar ghosts which years of struggle raising children:

The first was the victim of one of the | and beatings themselves, and endlessly searching for the truth about what had happened to their loved ones - the commission began to run out of time.

The sad tale was gently brought to an end and two more witnesses stood down to bring Mr Webber to the stand, Burly, with closely cropped hair, he was the picture of that archetypal white South African. a rugby hooker.

An animal welfare inspector, Mr Webber had made the mistake of going to an East London bar for a drink on May Day in 1993 with a friend. The friend died with five others when a masked gunnan walked into the bar and opened fire with an assault rifle. "My life changed overnight," Mr Webber said, describing his battle to survive with his mutilated arm, and to live on state aid of less than \$150 a month.

A commission official — a black. middle-aged woman - sat next to Mr Webber with a comforting arm around his shoulder as he spoke.

A commissioner asked him what his attitude towards the truth in-

wants Cyril Ramaphosa -- who helped lead the party to power - to head a challenge to white minority domination of the economy, politicians and commentators said on Sunday. Mr Ramaphosa, the ANC's: secretary-general, is leaving parliament to join New Africa Investment Limited, one of the few black con-

of invited student leaders, and a Chinese mandarin flecing by taxl from scuffles at a luxury hotel. The closed-door encounter be ween Chinese officials and invited representatives of Hong Kong's 64 million people ended amid chants of protest outside the five-star Grand Hyatt Hotel and black smoke billow ng from a tyre set alight near the

"This is not consultation. This is just a show. They want to pretend they are listening to the voice of Hong Kong," said Ivy Chan, a socioogy student aged 22, who was one of two members of the Hong Kong Federation of Students to be ejected from the talks.

The fracas marred a meeting seen as an important test of China's readiness to tolerate dissent over plans for the territory after the departure, at midnight on June 30 next year, of Chris Patten, the 28th and last colonial governor.

"For Chinese officials I think one esson is that this is a free and open society," Mr Patten said at the week end. "We tolerate expressions of all sorts of opinions and it is a sign of strength and self-confidence if you try to embrace all shades of opinion

During his recent visit to Britain. Mr Patten met John Major to dis cuss the fraught relations with China over the handover, and what British officials see as a crisis of confidence in the colony.

In an attempt to counter accus tions of intolerance, Chinese offi cials had extended a surprise last-minute invitation to student lenders to discussions organised by the Preparatory Committee, a Be jing-appointed group of mainland and Hong Kong dignitaries. The gesture backfired, when security guards were called to toss out the students who had begun distribut ing leaflets. The two ejected students wore T-shirts with slogars attacking "bogus consultations" and China's plans to replace Hong Kong's elected legislature with a hand-picked "provisional" assembly

"We spoke peacefully but the demonstrates what they mean b consultation," said Ms Chan, show ing an arm bruised by securi

Chen Zuo'er, a Chinese officia chairing the meeting, defended the students' expulsion. "Their beliatiour made more than 70 other par ticipants shocked and dissatisfied To allow the consultation session to continue normally, we liad in choice but to make them leave."

Anger over the scrapping o Hong Kong's elected is drew about 1,000 protesters at the weekend for a march from the central business district to the Happy Valley headquarters of the Xinhus News Agency, China's de facto en bassy in the colony. Protester stamped on bamboo bird cages.

"I'd rather be a small bird flying free than a canary in a cage shiging only songs a master likes to hear, said Cheung Man-kwong, chalman burg Stock Exchange, President Mandels announced last week



# He wanted to make umbrellas and I needed to dip into my rainy day fund.

where don't have much call for umbrellas here in Tenerife. It was one of the main reasons why we retired here. Plenty of sunshine, a relaxed lifestyle and a cost of living that's more affordable.

When my husband stopped working and we decided to leave England, there was a lot to organise One of the most important decisions we reached was to keep our banking with Lloyds Bank but to move most of the balance to their Overseas Club in Jersey.

I envisaged things would be different as expatriates. For instance, I wouldn't be popping down the High Street to the bank and a salary cheque wouldn't be appearing every month on our statement. A regular income was going to be required.

### Comprehensive service

We were going to need local currency and there were going to be tax implications. Since the property market in Britain was uncertain we decided to rent our house out rather than sell.

This was when I discovered how comprehensive a service the Overseas Club offered.

We were appointed a personal Club Executive. Jean, and the team supporting her, was very helpful. I don't believe I've ever spent so much time discussing my affairs with a bank and I've also never had so much input.

### Easier house letting

The transfer of funds from our account in Britain, our plastic cards, and all our direct debits were arranged very efficiently.

Letting our house proved to be easier than expected and that was thanks to Lloyds Bank. One of Jean's team arranged it through Black Horse Agencies who also manage the property and so another problem was solved.

0 1 E R S E R S C I. I'. B Renting the house helped to provide

us with a regular income but we also decided to invest some of our nest egg in equity funds to provide that bit extra and hopefully to build up our capital.

Again, Jean was able to help us and give us details of suitable funds including some from Lloyds Bank.

I've had occasional contact with Jean since and keep in touch with things by reading Shoreline, the quarterly Club magazine.

Then I got the call about the umbrellas.

My son, Julian, rang me last month from his home in Hong Kong. He's been out there with his family for a number of years and is employed by a company making umbrellas.

### Extra cash - fast

He now had the opportunity to take part in a management buy-out. It was what he had always wanted but he needed to raise some extra: cash very quickly. Well, we couldn't atand by and see him miss out so I

This advertisement is based upon events which can occur. The avents and characters portrayed are fictions, any ministribus to persons or seemts are coincidented. The issue of the Lloyds Bank Payment and Gold Service Payment Cyrd is at the discretion of the Bank, and you must be 18 are over (20 or over in fersey) to apply. How much we land (if any) depends on our assessment of your financial position and you must be 18 or over (2) or over in fersey) to apply. Interest rates may vary. Overdrafts are repayable in full on demand by the Bank. The affices of Lloyds Bank Hc in the isle of Man and Lloyds Bank humance Services (Life and Pensions) Ltd are registered with the Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission, the former for banking and investment business and the latter for investment business. Deposits are not covered under the Deposit Protection Scheme water the UK Banklag Act 1987 (as amended). Deposits made with on isle of Man affice of (Loyds Bank Pc are overed by the Depositors Compensation Scheme contained in the Hashlag Business (Compensation of Depositors) Regulations 1991.

OVERSEAS CLUB MEMBERSHIP, LLOYDS BANK OPFSHORE CENTRE, PO BOX 12, DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN, BRITISH ISLES.

got on the phone to Jean to see what could be done.

"Can you get this money to Hong

Kong in three days?" was the question

and Jean's answer was a reassuring

"yes". I knew it wasn't going to be

that simple because the only way we

could afford to loan him this money

was if we sold some of our investments.

We discussed the implications and

chose a course of action that suited

the situation best. Whatever problems

it posed the Bank I was blissfully

telegraphically transferred in time and

my son has just rung to say the buy-

out is all completed and his name is

Offshore Banking isn't just about

saving unnecessary tax or investing

millions in offshore trusts - at Lloyds

Bank it's about very practical help in

running your financial affairs when

you can't run around the corner to

the bank! With Lloyds Bank you're

unaware of. The money was

on the directors' list.

home and dry.

FREE MEMBERSHIP!

The Lloyds Bank Overseas

Offshore Centres in the Isle of

These Centres are equipped to

meet the specific needs of the

develop quality relationships with its Members through

Executive and supporting team

giving you access to the very

banking skills available from

This professional approach is

annual subscription: £50 for a

dollar account, or £50 + US\$25

sterling account, US\$75 for a

with a cheque account free of

normal transaction charges

information on investments,

useful debit and credit cards,

a quarterly Club magazine full

of investment news and a host

offering premium rates of

interest, free help and

of ancillary benefits.

for both. This provides you

exemplified by our modest

one of the world's leading banks.

wide range of offshore and

UK expatriate and foreign resident. The Club seeks to

relationship banking and

offers a personal Club

Man, Jersey and Guernsey.

L Club is located in our

We are so sure that you will appreciate the benefits of joining the Overseas Club that you can now join on a no-cost, no-obligation basis. Send us your details on the coupon below and we'll rush you a brochure and

application form. No annual subscription will be charged for the first three months of Membership so you have time to evaluate the service.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY MORE DETAILS OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT PLEASE PHONE +44 (0) 1624 638104 OR FAX +44 (0) 1624 638181

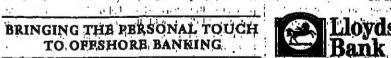
re you	currently	a Lloyd	s Bank	custom	er? Yes	_  .	No.	4.4
itle	Surname				First na	mes		0 P
ddress		:				·	in in	
						1.		
	, , , ,	1 1			10 10 10		1.10	

Send to: Lloyds Bank Offshore Centre, PO Box 12, Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles.

Nationality\_ good me santan a a comme

TO OFFSHORE BANKING

Country in which you plan to live if different







The US this week

Martin Walker

E COULD almost have been the Stealth candidate. Tony Blair's first trip to the White House was barely a dot on the outer rim of the American radar screen in the days before his arrival, generating much less attention than the now-regular visits by Gerry Adams.

There had been a couple of approving profiles in those increasingly rare magazines which contain words rather than pictures, such as the New Yorker, the New Republic and the New Democrat, Political junkies knew his face from the C-Span channel's broadcast of House of Commons Question Time, and inside the State Department they already see him as the British prime minister-in-waiting.

Thanks to some careful advance work at the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve by Labour's economic spokesman, Gordon Brown, there was none of that rippling of alarm at Labour's reform plans. There were no off-the-record grumbles about unsound allies from the Pentagon or CIA, in the way that Neil Kinnock's White House call was soured in advance a decade ago.

Beyond these arcane levels, Tony Blair had yet to make much mark on the United States. Little was made of the attempts by the Conservative party to amear him in advance as just another pinko Labour peacenik. There were some nasty briefings to American reporters in London, and a hastily compiled pamphlet entitled "Tony Blair's Un-American Activities" were sent out to Republicans in Congress. Since Congress is still on its Easter vacation, few have noticed.

There is now a serious prospect that the rest of this decade could see two like-minded Oxford men, each one a lawyer and married to a lawyer, governing in tandem. They have a great deal in common, from a readiness to talk of politics in terms of religion to a deliberate rejection of every ideological tradition of the left. Each man has imposed his own loyalists and a uniform message the first president of the American upon the party, even as each steers | Federation of Labour. "That'll teach | New York, he needed to reassure instinctively for the centre ground. | them Rooshuns to tell me Workers | Wall Street that the owners of capi-In the misty future, they could be

less in Washington these days, be showed blatant partisanship in its cause their strategic utility in the help for George Bush in the 1992 financier George Soros, best known cold war has not been replaced by a presidential election. They also apsimilar usefulness in its aftermath. Both the Bush and Clinton administrations have said it often enough, that Britain's value to Washington will rise and fall with Britain's influence in Europe. And the White House sees Blair jockeying their Trojan horse into Europe far more | He discovered that Blair was, like | Labour's future.

Major, But in the short term, each man has to win his election. And each one had reason to suspect that his cause might be just a bit tarnished by too much identification with the other. Beyond the obvious delicacy of being too closely identified with a scandal-prone Mr Clinton, the timing was acutely tricky for Blair. He could be fighting a British election next month, or six months after Clinton is either re-elected or turfed out of office by President Dole.

With the election looming, Clinton does not want too many reminders of the anti-war protests of his Oxford days, nor of Labour's radicalism in the 1980s. Nor does he want the voters to recall his 1992 campaign rhetoric about the merits of European social democracies in delivering health services and job training to their citizens. The irony in the Clinton-Blair relationship is that it may prosper best if it can be kept deliberately low-key in this

So Blair was more than a touch

nervous about the American visit. It was, of course, required of him, one of those rites of passage that opposicies allied to America simply have to undergo. There is even a protocol for the business. In the White House, it is usually a brisk 20 minutes. If the current friendly head of government would be really cheesed off, as Mikhail Gorbachev was by the thought of Boris Yeltsin in the Oval Office, then the Yeltsin figure visits the vice-president or the national security adviser, and the president then does what is known as a "drop-by".

But Blair was entitled to rather more than 20 minutes. First, this was a Brit, and ever since the fusa over Northern Ireland, the Clintonites are very sensitive about the so-called special relationship. They may not be able to define it, but they know they have to mention it a lot when Brits are present. (One of Clinton's senior advisers told me that it reminded him of a school project his young daughters had to fulfil: carrying a raw egg around in a box for 24 hours to learn the need for responsibility in handling fragile objects.)

Second, there is meant to be an even deeper special relationship between the Labour and Democratic parties. Not many of the Clintonites know why, Labour having been out of power for so long, but they all accept this. There is historical truth here. It is not widely known that Britain's legendary trade union leader and foreign secretary. Ernest Bevin, signed the Nato treaty and then affixed his seal with a signet ring given him by Samuel Gompers.

preciate the way that Labour's from speculating against sterling in pollster Philip Gould flew over to the European Exchange Rate Mechcampaign to help frustrate the knav- to an endorsement of the Labour

ish Tory tricks.



him, to a clever, ambitious and highly political woman who was also a lawyer. The two men are interested in policy, and in the 40 minutes of their eventual discussions on Friday last week, the two fortysomething baby-boomers discussed job insecurity, training, and portable pensions, "It was a good old wonkathon," commented White House apokesman Mike McCurry. and auch is the ease of translation between the two cultures that even the visiting British hacks knew this meant that two policy wonks had been happily discussing abstruse policy detail. Blair certainly im-

### Blair played the Washington power circuit for laughs in a 36-hour visit that finally laid the ghost of Joyless old Labour

pressed Clinton and laid the foundation for what could be an interesting relationship over the next five years they each win their respective

But Blair had other tasks to fulfil. of the World, Unite'," Bevin snorted. tal had not the slightest cause for The Clintonites recall the way | concern when the British govern-

Little Rock in the last weeks of that | anism crists, issued what amounted to an endorsement of the Labour leader. The riskiest he got was a party. This may not be altogether a joke about Anglo-American misun-

ad to convey new Labour's fitness to rule to the Washington establishment, the political, media and social élites of the capital who tend to think as one, when they think at all. Their last memory of the British abour party was some obscure Welshman coming to town to see President Reagan, and being mis-taken for somebody else. (The story is true. Neil Kinnock turned up in he Oval Office with the veteran Denis Healey: the courteous old president rose from his desk, advanced on Healey, shook him warmly by the hand, and culled him Neil. Reagan was ever after conduced that Kinnock was a communist, even though it was Healey who had briefly joined the party while at Oxford in the 1930s. He used to ask Mrs Thatcher how that "red-haired

Red" was getting on.)
Determined to avoid any such embarrassments, Blair toned down the politics and played the Washington power circuit for laughs in a 36-hour visit which finally laid the ghost of the Joyless dogmatism of the old Labour party. It was less Camelot than the Comedy Club. His great Washington coup was to get retired General Colin Powell and Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan to applaud Labour's thumping victory in the Staffordshire South-East byelection.

reduced to a majority of one - it's not something the ambassador can applaud, but the rest of you can," British politicians are valued the John Major's Conservative party ment next fell into Labour's hands. great and the good at the British see in Washington these days, be showed blatant partisanship in its Blair did so well that mega-

· It was one of the stream of jokes and self-deprecatory (but carefully rehearsed) flashes of wit that spiced his first American visit as Labour

British MP Margot Asquith was get ting cross with 1930s film star Jean Harlow who insisted on calling her Ma-Gott. Finally, her patience

"The T is silent," sniffed Asquite Unlike in your name."

The risk was less in the word "harlot" than in the long, long mo-ment it took for the punch line to penetrate the genial fog of cocktails and wine. Still, Blanca Jagger liked it, and so did national security adviser Tony Lake, General Powell's wife looked startled.

Before the embassy dinner, Blair had First Lady Hillary Clinton in stitches at a private drinks party where he explained why Labour had been out of power for so long. "We had this slogan in the 1980s, which gives you some idea of the state we were in at that time - No Compromise with the Electorate," he of fered. Hoots of laughter from the glitterati.

"After what seemed to me an abnormally long period of time, we realised that didn't work," he went on, at a party hosted by Sidney Blumenthal, who had just published a highly flattering profile of Blair in the New Yorker.

"Perhaps we should call him Si sidney from now on." Blair ob served to the room of Democratic party and media heavyweights, which included New Yorker editor lina Brown, who had flown down rom New York for the occasion,

"When I was at Oxford, the spartest thing you could possible have was an invitation to one of Tina's parties - I never got one,

"We'll change that," she called

"I've just spent the day on Wall Street - so it's nice to be here among friends," he went on, getting a cheer from the last Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tom Foley — the only veteran n a room of baby-boomers.

He talked politics with Clinton polisier Stan Greenberg, "The president has a 33-point lead among the over-sixties. It's historic, We've never seen margins like this."

He talked trade figures with Laura Tyson, head of the National Economic Council: "The change has come. US exports to Japan are growing six times as fast as Japan's exports to us." And with Mrs Clinton, he tried to

explain the defeat of the Australian Labor party and of the Spanish so-cialists, the eclipse of the left in France and Germany, and the way Labour in Britain and the Demo crats in America had to keep the faith for "the values that brought us into politica are the same".

"We are the only bulwark against the increasingly extreme right wing that would tear down many of the most decent principles of any civilised society," he said, as Hillary nodded firmly over her orange juice. They are increasingly nasty people, and they are increasingly isolationism that I believe would be dangerous not just here in the United States but in Britain and Europe and the rest of the world".

The Democratic party had changed, and was now back in the White House. The Labour party had learned to change, but the job was unfinished. I personally believe that we will probably have to change outlook, and the messages that we have," Blair concluded. In effect, Clinton had met and liked Blair omfort; Soros may see another billon-dollar opportunity looming in He discovered that Blair was, like Comfort; Soros may see another billon-dollar opportunity looming in Labour's future.

| Clinton had met and liked Blair oconciuded. In clinton had met and liked Blair oconciuded and liked Blair oco

### **FOCUS ON INDIA**

## Flawed democracy lumbers up for elections

in New Delhi

THE film stars have been recruited, the catchiest Hindi pop songs have been ripped off, web sites have been colonised, and India's, 74-year-old prime minister, P V Narasimha Rao, has been captured on video in dozens of

benevolent poses.

When the final date for nomina tions closed earlier this month, the world's largest democracy lumbered into a general election campaign, offering its 590 million voters bewildering political canvas from which to choose their 543 representatives in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament.

This is that brief moment when the hundreds of millions of poor and illiterate people, through sheer force of numbers, have an equal voice to the privileged few who generally dominate public life. And in this election more than ever before, politicians must pay attention to the ower-caste and Dalit (untouchable)

This is the way in which issues of social justice and equality are mobilised in our society," said Yogen-dra Yadav, co-ordinator of an ambitious programme to monitor the attitudes of 15,000 Indians to the elections, as well as general political issues. "There is so much assertion now for self-respect and dignity."

The elections come hard on the heels of an explosive corruption scandal, which has cost seven cablnet ministers their jobs and forced the retreat of several leading opposi-

tion figures.
Polling will be spread over three days between April 27 and May 7 in most of the country. Simultaneous acheduled in West Bengal, which has had communist-led governments for nearly 20 years; the northeastern tea garden region of Assam; Haryana, on the Delhi border; and the southern states of Tamil Nadu. Kerala and Pondicherry.

Counting is likely to be over by the middle of May, before security forces move up to Kashmir for a

Already, voters have got a glimpse of the shifting alliances that vill dominate the campaign. After five years in which the uncharismatic Mr Rao has confounded critics by consolidating a minority Congress (I) government and tak-ing it to its full five-year term, few observers expect the election to vield a clear result.

Whether a lead is taken by the Congress, which has dominated ndia for most of the years since independence, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has steamrolled to prominence by pandering to lindu chauvinism, or the National Front-Left Front alliance, which claims to speak for the hundreds of millions of Indians oppressed by religion, caste and poverty, the outcome will rest on an ability to forge post-election alliances.

That is when the regional parties, whose appeal is mainly confined to single states, will be able to extract a price for their support, as will previously excluded constituencies such as Muslims, low-caste and Dalit Hindus, and Christians.

In such a fractured political landscape, even the six seats of Jammu and Kashmir, where separatist parties are expected to boycott the

The machinations have already oegun. A minor socialist party has joined hands with the BJP in northern India; Mr Rao last month sealed an alllance with J Jayalalitha, the authoritarian film star chief minister of Tamil Nadu, after two years of rancour. And a junior minister has defected to the BJP.

Yet the polls coincide with a general sense of drift in political life For all but 15 or 20 per cent of the population, the mechanics of the new marketplace and the intricacies of the corruption scandals remain a

nystery, argues Yogendra Yadav. The hawala affair, in which more

are alleged to have taken bribes from a black-market money changer, has made corruption the leading preoccupation of middleclass urban Indians. Opinion polis show more than 72 per cent of Indians believe that all politicians are

The elections offer a chance for voters to deliver their verdict on the English-speaking consumer culture that has engulfed cities since Mr Rao's government introduced market reforms. They also afford an opportunity for a final rejection of the Hindu chauvinism and caste hostility that so dominated the early part of the decade: the destruction of a

polls, carry weight beyond their than 100 bureaucrats and politicians 16th century mosque at Ayodhya in numbers. are alleged to have taken bribes December 1992, the backlash against moves to expand affirmative

> cent of the seats and the number of senior citizens has crept up to 24.5 per cent, reflect more the diversity of Indian society. None of these concerns have ye crystallised as election issues in the way that single concerns have for

ment, where women have only 7 per

elections to plebiscites. But for all the cynicism of the English-speaking élite, the inevitable rigging that will take place

the past 20 years reduced general

at some polling stations and the craven alliance-making that will fol-low the vote, for most Indians this is much, much more than an empty exercise. Every election since independence has seen a bigger

"There is a sense of hope. There is a sense of trust," Mr Yadav said "There is still deep faith in demo cracy, a faith not articulated in the language of liberal democracy perhaps, but that is really the hope for

the country."

• Preaching stability and renewal. Mr Rao launched the ruling party's election manifesto at the weekend He said his government had proved it could deliver stability - the traditional claim of Congress administrations - and after five years of sweeping economic reforms it could

# Invest in Winning TSB Performance

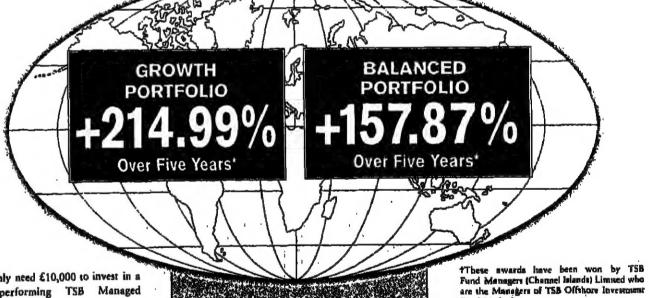
TSB's two Managed Portfolios, which are managed by the award winning TSB Fund Managers (Channel Islands) Limited<sup>†</sup> have shown excellent consistent growth over the last five years and are a very simple way for you to spread your risk and cover world markets.

Your choice of Managed Growth or Balanced Portfolio depends on your personal needs. They are the most convenient way for you to invest in the TSB Umbrella Fund, TSB Offshore Investment Fund Limited which is a Jersey based company.

Best Umbrella Best Small Investment Group

Over à years

The outstandingly successful Portfolios invest in TSB Offshore Investment Fund Limited which is made up of nine share classes and between them cover investment markets around the world. The Managers will select from the nine share classes which best meet your needs and will then monitor your investment and switch it between share classes seeking as much return as possible for you.



You only need £10,000 to invest in a top performing TSB Managed

Remember, past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future and the value of shares and the income from them can go down as well as up Consequently, on selling, investors may not get back the amount they originally invested.

Source TSB Five years to lst March 1996 - offer to bld. Gross income reinvested. Or please complete the coupon To: Liz Wiscombs, TBB Offenore Centre

PO Box 567, St. Hellor, Jergey, JE4 5XW Channel lefends, Tel: +44 1834 503909. Fax: +44 1834 503211. E-Mail TSBCIGitl.net

Vante:	 <del>'</del>		
Addross:	 		<u>:</u>
1. 14.	 1	0.14	

appropriate nine share classes of TSB Offshore Investment Fund Limited.

underlying share classes over 3 and 5 years.
The TSB Managed Portfolios are invested in the

OFFSHORE CENTRE

This advertisement has been issued by TSB Fund Managers (Channel Islands) Limited and TSB, Unit Trust Managers (Channel Islands) Limited.

If has been approved by TSB Investment Services Limited which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority and is part of the TSB Marketing Group.

TSB Offehore Centre is the offehore sales and marketing group for TSB Benk Channel Islands Limited and TSB, Fund Managers (Channel Islands) Limited.



A N INQUIRY by the independent | Police Complaints Authority into a two-day riot, which sparked a £1 million trail of damage in the Manningham area of Bradford last year, cleared the police of any misbehaviour or indiscipline. But the verdict was greeted with disappointment and some anger by young Asian groups in the area, and the Asian family at the centre of the brawl which led to the riot is to take civil proceedings against some officers.

Bradford, and neighbouring West Yorkshire towns, have a long history of harmonious race relations and the violence, which started with unsubstantiated rumours of police heavy-handedness, worried both the indigenous population and the older members of the Asian community. Following the inquiry report, police and community leaders promised a "renewed commitment to building relationships".

There is, however, a serious drug problem in the area, which will coninue to warrant a high level of policing. And there are associated problems of prostitution, affronting the principles of the older Muslim community, and high levels of unemployment among young Asians. Graffiti in support of Hamas, the Palestinian/Islamist group, has apneared in Bradford since the troubles, and there are dark threats about "worse to come" in the wake

In a similar, but much smaller outbreak of violence in Birminghan last week, more than 200 youths from a largely Asian community stoned buses and cars, looted shops and offices, and threw petrol bombs at police. The disturbances were

sparked by a penalty notice for ille-But there were, once again, complaints of heavy-handed policing, frustration over crime, and disillu-

sion caused by unemployment.

THE ACTIVITIES of an attempted extortionist, who sent 25 explosive devices with demands for money from Barclays Bank, were kept secret for 16 months by police who thought they could negotiate better without publicity. But the story broke when the extortionist, who uses the code-name Mardi Gras, appeared to lose patience and wrote to a newspaper issuing a seven-day ultimatum.

Many of the devices failed to ex-



plode, but one employee was slightly injured during the 16-month campaign. Although Mardi Gras claimed to be acting for "a small group of Barclays Bank victims", police thought it was a man acting alone.

The type of bomb and the vocabulary of his letters suggest that he has served at one time in one of the armed forces.

The union representing bank staff complained that Barclays had put workers' lives at risk by not informing them of the bomber's campaign.

THE Government accepted a proposal by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, that judges should, in passing sentence, be allowed to take account of the trauma suffered by crime victims. This is a radical departure for the British criminal justice system, which has allowed the victim's suffering to affect the sentence only in some offences, such

In the United States, victims of crime appear in court to tell the judge how the crime has affected their lives before sentence is passed. But Lord Taylor believes this goes too far, partly because it would expose the victim to hostile cross-examination. He suggests, instead, that a police assessment of a crime's impact on its victim should be put before the judge as part of the prosecution's case.

OLICE in Greater Manchester are investigating the death of an 80-year-old cancer patient, who was given an overdose of morphine by her son. He said he did it to put her

out of her misery. Derek Rowbottom, aged 44, said his mother, Alice, was unable to eat. drink or move without crying out in pain and he was "angry that doctors seemed unable to treat her, and unwilling to let her rest in peace". He noticed a booster button on her diamorphine pump, and pressed it until the syringe was empty. When nurses replaced it, he did the same again. A nurse spotted him doing it, and a coroner was called when Mrs Rowbottom died the next day.

Mr Rowbottom said he hoped the publicity surrounding the case would help lead to a change in the law to end the suffering of terminally-ill patients. "If the law prevents you from helping someone that you dearly love to rest in peace, it just wants changing," he said.

CENIOR Labour officials moved Quickly at the weekend to silence Clare Short, the shadow transport secretary, when she announced: "I think in a fair tax system people like

Her remarks went directly against Tony Blair's efforts to present Labour as a party of low taxation. In a clear sign of their waning confidence in Ms Short, party officials cancelled all media interviews when she continued to answer questions on the issue.

She in turn was critical of the way her comments had been seized upon by the media: "It's like a conclone what they are told to say out | usually enjoyed. of press releases."



Feet first . . . The snaking line of Hadrian's Wall near Housesteads Roman fort is suffering from too many tramping feet. Designed to cope with a limited number of legionaries' boots, the wall has collapsed in places. 'It is a lovely place but the wall has many other fascinating stretches,' said Jam Branton of the Hadrian's Wall Tourism Partnership

# EU beef export ban remains

**Guardian Reporters** HE European Union last week firmly resisted Government attempts to lift the blanket ban on British beef products, provoking calls from infuriated Conservative MPs for legal action

against Brussels. Hopes that the EU's veterinary officials would at least support a relaxation of the export restrictions were dashed when the European Commission made it clear there was in-

sufficient support for the move. Britain has been anxiously pressng for gelatine to be taken off the ist of products which Britain can no onger export.

Last week a committee of EU scientific experts agreed that gelatine and tallow made from cows are safe provided that they have been reated at high temperatures.

A British official sought to put a brave face on the developments. He said that although the Government prised. "This is the sort of result we expected. We obviously have some way to go for enough member states to feel that they can support a hange to the ban," he said.

EU officials predicted it would be weeks, if not months, before the prohibition ended.

Although many ministers have poken of showing "solidarity" with Britain, privately officials from other EU countries are scathing about the Government's handling of the BSE crisis. The Government has also been criticised for not working closely enough with its EU partners and the commission

An admission by the European Agriculture Commissioner, Franz Fischler, that he believed British beef was safe was welcomed by the Government as vindication of its view that the worldwide export ban was not justified.

But farmers and many MPs were astonished and angry at the continuing ban in the face of Mr Fischler's comments that there was no public realth risk despite mad cow dis-

"I wouldn't hesitate to eat beef in England, I see no medical reason not to," he said.

Sir Michael Spicer, a leading Tory Eurosceptic, claimed: "I think It is now clear that the ban, and the Commission reaction to the British beef crisis, has been largely political

and not based on health questions "This is a political move on the part of other European countries who have competitive interests and are out to protect their industry against a very successful British beef industry," he said.

period from December last year to Meanwhile, the fraud unit of the EU agriculture directorate has begun an investigation into allegations that rules imposed by the El in England and Wales, says the mato prevent the spread of BSE and jority of the 9.5 per cent increase other animal diseases to the Cool nent have been routinely ignored by last October, when the Government exporters with the knowledge of the nistry of Agriculture. brands could cause an increased

Thousands of live calves and mi lions of sheep have been exporte illegally every year without the di infection procedures and vetering checks which the EU believed were being carried out.

 The families of eight people at between 20 and 34 who died from CJD after taking a human growt hormone as children are taking th Government to the High Court.

They accuse the Government regligence in not taking account of the risk of CJD in manufacturing the hormone, which was us between 1959 and 1985 to boost the

## Manchester begs for rain as joke wears thin

THE WORLD laughed when North West Water announced in February that Manchester, a byword for dampness, had become one of the driest cities in

But the crisis continues. "This is the severest drought in living memory," Harry Croft, North West Water's operations director, said. The weather experts claimed it was the worst in 200

In 10 months of drought, Manchester had less rain than Madrid, Rome or Athens. While Malta had endured almost 1% spiracy to stop politicians talking times its average rainfall, Manhonestly, so you get robots who just | chester had only half the rain it

so far in April and the region now needs twice its average rainfall if water supplies are to return to normal

Hosepipe bans remain in force and owners of swimming pools and extravagant sprinklers have been asked to register with the water company in a move that could lead to the installation of Reservoirs are two-thirds full

on average — but the figure con-ceals wide variations. Those in the traditionally soggy Lake District are 77 per cent full (99 per cent this time last year). But the reservoirs on the western flanks of the Pennines are only 44 per cent full - the There has been next to no rain | Longdendale series above

Glossop is barely half full, and the figure for Oldham is a frightening 19 per cent. (It slumped to 6 per cent in February.)

newspaper, radio and TV adver

loses about 35 per cent of its opportunity in this announcement, water through leaks and has just a BPAS spokeswoman said introduced a leak-line freephone number on which the public can Women made immediate decisions and as a result there is an increase in unplanned pregnancies. With report leaks. Meanwhile, the word "sorry nore comprehensive information is kicking off Yorkshire Water's and a more educated means of compreparations for this summer's munication, women are better preexpected drought in a blitt of pared to make an informed decision.

"Perhaps this would have entisements launched. Company director Tracey

Flanders precedes her public sured that women were more ableto determine the overall risk factors. appeal for prudence with a against benefits, and take less imdirect apology for the problems and confusion of last year. nediate and drastic action such as topping a means of contraception."

GUARDIAN WEEKLY

GUARDIAN WEBLY April 21 195

# Single currency boost for Chancellor

and lan Traynor in Bonn

RITAIN'S European Union partners have indicated they will not exclude Britain from a single European currency in 1999, even if it stays out of a revamped Eu-

ropean exchange rate mechanism.

A strict reading of the Maastricht treaty implies Britain must be an ERM member for two years before taking part in monetary union. Britain left the ERM in 1992, But

the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, who supports membership of a single currency, said after EU finance nisters met at the weekend: "It would be quite absurd to exclude a i

Abortions rise

after Pill scare

THE NUMBER of abortions rose

by nearly 10 per cent following

last year's scare over the safety of

ing to the British Pregnancy Advi-

The increase is believed to have

been the result of women being dri-

ven to stop taking oral contracep-

The BPAS said that among its 28

clinics there had been an extra 823

abortions over the number nor

mally expected in the three-month

The charity, which performs al-

most 18 per cent of legal abortions

can be attributed to the Pill scare

said seven of the most popular

The BPAS survey was carried out

soon after the warning that 1.5 mil-

lion women taking the "third gener-

ation" Pill were twice as likely to

suffer from deep vein thrombosis as

those on other types of oral contra-

Despite women being advised to

continue with their Pill until they

had seen a doctor, the BPAS found

that 41 per cent of users stopped im-

mediately and 61 per cent did not

The findings have prompted re-

newed criticism of the Govern-

ment's handling of the Pill scare. In its report the BPAS says informa-

tion should have been available to

women as the main emphasis of the

have been focused on the risks as-

sociated with unwanted pregnan-

cies, which are far greater than the

riaks from thrombosis associated

with the types of Pill involved.

February this year.

risk of blood clots.

finish their course.

tives out of fear for their health.

Chris Mihill and Sue Quinn

country which satisfied conver-gence criteria and exchange rate stability on the basis that it hadn't had a formal two years' membership of an ERM."

He added that ministers had indicated that the two-year rule will not be invoked where a country has proved it has run a stable currency exchange rate.

enewed pressure to accept tough new disciplines to guarantee Britain's economic convergence with the rest of the EU, even if it stays outside both the single European currency and a new ERM.

central bank governors held two

But the Government came under

European finance ministers and

days of detailed discussions in Verona about how the pound might be linked with the euro — the fu- scrutiny of national economic and ture single currency - even if it is not part of either monetary union or

Mr Clarke was told by several ministers that the pound should rejoin the ERM in the interests of monetary stability in Britain and throughout Europe after the single currency is launched in 1999. Britain and Italy were ejected from the ERM in 1992 and the Government is loath to rejoin.

Proponents of a new ERM want to stop those outside from undermining the system through making national devaluations.

monetary policies for all members.

Hans Tietmeyer, chief of Germany's powerful Bundesbank, has made it clear that he wants the governor of a future European central bank to have powers not only over those joining a single currency but also over those EU currencies left outside, to avert the risk of "competitive devaluation". On no account, however, do the Germans want a European central bank to intervene to defend EU currencies outside

EMU against market onslaughts. Billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith last week pledged to press ahead with his £20 million campaign to put up 600 Referendum Party candidates at the election.

Sir James's comments came as a response to the Government's announcement that it will make a manifesto commitment to hold a

**UK NEWS** 9

referendum on a single currency.
Sir James said that the Govern ment's decision was "an act of appeasement within the Cabinet to try and keep it stable". He said the proposed referendum was dependent on the Conservatives being reelected — "a somewhat obscure idea at this moment" - and that it only lasted for one Parliament.

His candidates will stand in seats where the Conservative candidates oppose a referendum. He confirmed that after a referendum his party would disappear and that he had no other political ambitions.

### The flexible offshore HICA



# Our new HICA pays standing orders, while other accounts are just standing still.

Regular payments (be them monthly, annually or whenever) are certainly not a problem with the new flexible HICA from Bristol & West International in Guernsey.

We've combined excellent rates of interest with the ease and convenience of a Sterling cheque book, coupled with the ability to make both direct debit and standing order payments. To find out more about the flexible approach

to offshore savings and payment management, simply complete the coupon and send it to: Donald Tew, Bristol & West International, PO Box 611. High Street, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY1 4NY, or contact our Principal Office for more details, Telephone Guernsey (44) 01481 720609 or fax (44) 01481 711658.

for £ payable name a	to B	ristoi id res	6. W	(min st le iy o:	n 85 Meri n th	,000 isti e re	O). C One Ver	heq l Ltd te of	ues s i. Ple the c	hou Se ' heq	ld b vrite rue.	e mi	de ur	
NAME (M	R/M	AS/MI	59/M5]											
ADDRIBS														
• ••		٠,	,			٠.	•	٠.						
	٠,	٠.						٠.,						
	-				7	BL.	PHC	NB		·,	, .		. 1	
POSTCOD	· · · ·													

BRISTOL & WEST

Soit the principal place of business and the Registered Office for Brissa & When Intermedicals Ltd. in PO Ber 911, Migh Sense, St. Poter Fort, Geometry, Channel Senses, 6(1) 4117, Tale O1 488 730000 Fdc ring office in bounds. Face 1018, 711885, Fuelds office only be accepted at the principal critics in Bearing, by the contract holder of the property of the propert

OCTORS in Scotland who withdraw treatment from

permanently vegetative patients

with the court's permission will

not face prosecution for killing

them, the Lord Advocate said.

Meanwhile, a musician who came

out last month from two years in

un appurent permunent vegeta-

tive state to tell detectives he had

dmitted his account was unique

ISA LEESON, wife of the dis-

been attacked on a train, has

HE lawyer who prosecuted the four men convicted in 1979 of the murder of newswritten to the Home Secretary in- of Appeal. sisting the case should be re-

Michael Chance expressed concern to Michael Howard over a "disturbing error" in the conduct of the prosecution - the non-disclosure at the trial of two unidentified fingerprints on the frame of the murdered boy's bicycle.

Mr Chance, who was responsible for the prosecution of James Robinson, Patrick Molloy and the cousins | from his path whilst making off.

Vincent and Michael Hickey at their trial at Stafford in 1979, wrote to the Home Secretary on December 14 last year, after Mr Howard announced that he was "not minded" to send the case back to the Court

He wrote: "Carl Bridgewater disturbed burglars whilst delivering a newspaper at Yew Tree Farm. They shot him before making good their escape. The boy most probably left his bicycle by the farmhouse door whilst delivering the paper. The cycle was subsequently recovered from a nearby pigsty. The likelihood is that one of those involved in the burglary and the murder removed it

optimism the fingerprints would lead to the identification of the offenders. In the event, the fingerprints differ from those of all four convicted men."

Though the bicycle featured prominently in the case — it was even deposited in the jury room the unidentified prints on it were not disclosed to the defence at the trial or at the appeal in 1988.

In a reply on January 9, Tim Kirkhope, junior Home Office minister, sought to reassure Mr Chance. There were, he said, "no other unidentified fingerprints" found at the farm. "This gives good grounds

"The fingerprints were found on the cycle frame. There was initial gloves. There was no reason to congloves. There was no reason to connect marks found on Carl's bike with the crime." Meanwhile, a second juror from

the trial is backing the campaign to get them freed. Lucinda Graham, who was 19 at the time of the trial, said she had

doubts about the case from the

"We couldn't give an 8-4 or a 10-2 - it had to be unanimous. I believe they're innocent. I want to help in some small way if I can."

raced former Barings trader Nick Leeson, has landed a job as In 1994 Tim O'Malley, the jury foreman, was the first juror to state a flight attendant with Richard publicly that he believed the men to Branson's Virgin Atlantic airline

> HE Government's plans to legislate to enforce amoking controls in buildings open to the public have been abandoned, even though ministers agreed a oluntary approach has failed.

BRITAIN'S first surrogate grandmother, Edith Jones, aged 51, has been implanted with two embryos grown from eggs from her daughter and fertilised by sperm from her son-in-law.

OLICE said that Loyalist Northern Ireland's biggest armed robbery, which netted about £1 million, although members of the armed gang claimed to be from the IRA.

G RADUATES are starting their working lives with ever bigger debts, according to a Barclays Bank survey, which found a rise of 31 per cent on 1994's average £2,236 graduate

EPORTS to the police of racial attacks and intimids tion are rising at a rate of 8 per cent a year, according to Home Office figures.

C UNARD officials mot Egyptian authorities to sort out a £15 million compens claim for damage to a coral reef in the Red Sen, which Egypt claims was caused by the Royal Viking Sun cruise liner when it ran aground on April 6.

A JOURNALIST refused to comply with a Department of Trade and Industry demand to return a leaked copy of a confidential report from the Monopolics and Mcrgers Commission

C HARLES VINCENT, a City dealer who earned £15 million a year, has resigned from the metals trading company he founded, for "lifestyle reasons".

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads' Association, said it would be better to invest in young people with a full teaching career before them. This will not solve the huge teacher shortage that is coming in the next two or three years. We have to create a teaching force that encourages the best young

careers service started collecting | Careers Services, published by the comprehensive data seven years | local authority associations. | by recent changes in post-16 education which led to unhealthy comago, raising doubts that the Government's targets for producing a more qualified workforce by 2000 can be

cent to 81 per cent. "There is some evidence . . . that

ending compulsory education after passing their sixteenth birthdays showed that only 67.6 per cent stayed on full-time courses at school or college, compared with 68.1 per

Young becoming 'dunces of Europe'

The percentage staying on in any form of education — including parttime courses, youth training programmes and employment - also fell for the first time, from 83 per

small but growing number of young people are either opting out of the recognised education, training and employment market, or at least are deferring entry to it," said

Graham Lane, education chair-

man of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the figures were the most disturbing educational indicators for many years. "They show we are heading to be-

come the dunces of Europe, Britain has one of the poorest records in the EU for young people staying in education after 16 and going on to gain appropriate qualifications. As long as the staying-on rates were rising, we could at least claim to be making some improvements, but now even that glimmer of hope has

Young people were badly served

petition between sixth forms and "privatised" colleges of further education. Sir Ron Dearing's recent reform proposals did not go far enough to encourage staying on by integrating academic and vocational

qualifications, he said. The survey showed big regional variations in the drop-out rate. In northern England 57 per cent continued in education, 19 per cent had youth training, 6 per cent got a job, 10 per cent were unemployed and 8 per cent were untraceable. In southeast England 75 per cent continued in education, 5.5 per cent had youth training, 8 per cent had a job, 5 per

cent were unemployed and 6.5 per cent were untraceable.

The lowest staying-on rate was 46 per cent in Manchester, which compared with 85 per cent who stayed n education in the London bor oughs of Barnet and Harrow.

The survey found: a decline in the percentage o young people entering youth training; an increase in the percentage unemployed or not available for work: an increase in numbers of 16-year-olds, which tended to mask the reduction in the percentage staying n education;

☐ greater competition between col-leges and schools with "increasingly aggressive marketing techniques being used to attract students.

School Leavers Destinations 1995:

## Pay for probation officers to be 'performance-related'

Alan Travis

ROBATION officers are to be put on performance-related pay linked to whether their criminal "clients" are convicted again, under proposals from Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

The scheme linking part of their pay to whether the criminals they supervise go straight is expected to come into force this summer. It will mean that for some probation officers crime won't pay.

Under the scheme, probation officers supervising offenders who breach their court orders or get recalled to prison while they are out on licence can expect only small pay rises or no increase at all.

Labour's home affairs spokes-man, Alun Michael, said he was alarmed by the idea: "The supervision of serious offenders is too serious to be left to a Home Secretary who creates disaster out of everything he touches," he said.

The Home Office is to put forward the idea in this year's pay negotiations. An unpublished Home Office document outlining the scheme follows repeated complaints by ministers that community penalties supervised by the service need to be more demanding.

It says economies must be sought in all aspects of the service's operation. "It remains government policy that pay levels in the public sector should be linked to schlevement so including the expansion of electhat those who contribute the most I tronic tagging trials.

G ERT-RUDOLF FLICK, the millionaire grandson of a

Nazi war criminal, has pulled

out of funding a professorship

Balliol College, Oxford, after a

long controversy about whether

or not his money was tainted.

backing to the Flick chair in

European thought, which was to

be funded by a £350,000 dona-

tion, but the decision was criti-

cised by done who believed it

was unethical to accept money

convicted at the Nuremburg war

Dr Flick said at the weeken

removed from the chair and his

endowment money returned. He in 1950.

from the grandsou of a man

that he wanted his name

crimes tribunal.

Balliol College had given its

to the success of an organisation receive a greater share of the money available, while those who contribute less, get less."

It makes it clear that Mr Howard has expressed clear backing for the

Among the indicators to determine individual pay are: reconviccommunity service orders; the numbers of community orders completed without breach or further reoffending; the number of licences completed without breach leading to recall to prison; and the number of welfare reports completed within

Probation officers have greeted the plan with scepticism. Harry Metcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "This will be impossible to administer . . . It will be impractical and unworkable. It will outrage staff.

"It will encourage probation staff to recommend for supervision under community orders only those offenders who will not re-offend. Those who have been to prison will be less likely to be recommended by the probation service for a community service order in case they of fend again."

The performance-related pay plan is linked to a wider package of reforms of community sentences being put forward by Mr Howard.

said: "I would like to thank the

university wholeheartedly for its

unwavering support."
The Flick chair had caused

anguish within Balliol and the

ethics of fund-raising at a time

when colleges are increasingly

dependent on private funding.

to be drawn under Germany's

accept the money.

Several prominent Jews, such as

Lord Weidenfeld, said a line had

Nazi past and that Balliol should

Oxford loses Flick money



Goodbye to all that . . . A prisoner takes out overnight slop buckets for the last time in Armicy prison in Leeds last week. Individual cells now have either a toilet and washbasin, or electronic unlocking which allows inmates to leave their cells at night under 'computer-

## Ecstasy 'as safe as aspirin'

Vivek Chaudhary

OCTORS and drugs relief agen-cies railled last week to the de-fence of a senior Scottish social worker who claimed that Ecstasy was "relatively safe," and that there was more chance of dying from tak-

Mary Hartnoll, Scotland's most cil's chief executive.

Dr Flick's grandfather built up one of Germany's richest industrial empires. He was an adviser to Heinrich Himmler and allegedly used 40,000 slave labourers. After the war, he was sentenced to seven years' jail, and was freed after three years,

senior social worker, made her comments in a private memorandum to

She was responding to the Glasgow Licensing Board's public campaign against drug taking in bars and clubs across the city and its hard-line approach which has ruled out the setting up of "chill-out" areas on the grounds that this could be

seen to condone drug taking.

Ms Hartnoll said the "enforcement" approach to drug misuse in clubs was legitimate, but would not prevent drug misuse on its own.

eyer, were branded "totally irresponsible" by the father of teenager She writes in the memo: "The Leah Betts, who died last year after irony is that Ecstasy, for example, is taking an Ecstasy tablet. Paul Betts a relatively safe drug - risk of said: To come from such a promideath has been calculated as one in | nent person, it's absolutely stupid."

6.8million (the risk of dying from an ordinary dose of aspirla is very much greater) - and young people tend to know this. For every highly publicised death, those who use the drug regularly balance their experi-ence of their own, and friends' experience of frequent, safe and enjoyable usage. The 'fear' message conveys very little effect in their cir

John Marks, a consultant psychia unst claimed Ms Harmoll's comments were "responsible, intelligent, and above all, true in contrast to all the other things that are said.

There were no deaths from Ecstasy when it was legally available. The evidence indicates there are no deaths from ecstasy when there are legal, pure supplies available and there is sensible health care advice to go along with it."

SZYMON SERAFINOWICZ, aged 85, who moved to England in 1947, became the Ms Hartnoll's comments, howfirst person in Britain to face. trial on war crimes charges when he was committed at the Old Balley on three counts of murdering an unknown Jew in Bielarus while it was under Naz occupation in 1941-42.

## Labour woos executives into schools

BRITISH youngsters are on the way to becoming the dunces of Europe, local au-

thority leaders warned last week after hearing evidence from the ca-

reers service that the proportion of

16-year-olds dropping out of educa-

tion rose last year for the first time

A survey of 600,000 young people

John Carvel and Donald MacLeod

John Carvel

in recent record.

↑ N EASY route for middle-aged executives to switch into a second career in teaching was promised last week by David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, as part of a 10-point Labour programme for raising the status of the profession.

'We will support mature students who wish to enter teaching . . . with an emphasis on those who have been in industry, commerce, finance and the media." he told the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers conerence in Glasgow.

Labour sources said the aim was to inject experience of the wider world into the classroom by bringing in entrants in their late 40s and 50s who may be considering early retirement, but who could give 10 or

15 years of service to teaching. But headteachers responded that Labour's plans for a "dad's army" of middle-nged executives would do lit-tle to solve a looming shortage in

A row also erupted over the cost of proposals from David Blunkett. the shadow education secretary, to give staff a term's sabbatical leave after 15 years' service, as part of a 10-point programme to raise the status of the profession.

The conference gave Mr Blunkett's ideas a warm reception. But he was attacked by James Paice, the education minister, who said the scheme would cost £5 million if the estimated 240,000 teachers with 15 years' experience took advantage of t. "Is this money to come from school budgets or is this another.example of Labour not thinking things

Sabbatical leave of between a term and a year to allow teachers to refresh their knowledge or work in industry would have to be phased in and could be met from existing training funds. Mr Blunkett said. Labour said part of the cost would be met from business sponsorship.

graduates to come into teaching."



## Offshore Investment bears fruit with Abbey National.

With Abbey National in Jersey, your money is safe, secure and easy to get at. What's more, it is virtually certain to thrive and flourish in the island's fertile financial climate.

No matter where you live or work, you can make the most of your savings by opening a high rate offshore deposit account in a choice of currencies. We carrently offer five such accounts:

Sterling - gives you instant access to your money with five tiers of interest rates.

Sterling - subject to 90 days' notice but offers you a Sterling - your capital is committed for

one year with three tiers of even higher interest rates; one penalty-free US Dollars - subject to 30 days' notice:

Deutschemarks subject to 80 days notice.

Plands can be gate and received in most major objectives.

In lind our how your offshore investment with Abbey Nadonal in Jersey

in the complete and report the componity we will send you a

convert Holmshing investment in Jersey Wiler hardler details of our

selonblois accomplete and investment in Jersey Wiler hardler details of our

selonblois accomplete with human in the second of the sec

Julie O'Hanlon, Marketing Assistant Abbey National Treasury Internation PO Box 545, Jersey JE4 8XG, Channel Islands.

ABBEY

The habit of a lifetime

NATIONAL

Fax - UK: 01534 885050 - International: +44 1534 885050.

	Territorius (III)		
Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)			WBA
Address (1912 10 1 1 1 1	ا با محمد الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل	en e	
an agagini belada a shigari Alamat in anti iba a sa		l stables Zul	estronomica Laboratoria de la pres
Telephone 1	Fax	Para Para Para Para Para Para Para Para	GWA3



### **Grapes of Wrath** have bitter taste

AVE they all been struck dumb? For five days as Israel intensified its assault on Lebanon the only sound in the White House, the UN Secretary-General's office and Downing Street has been the diplomatic shuffling of awkward feet. Keeping quiet may indeed be preferable to Monday's crude apologia for Israel delivered by the British Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo (from which the Foreign Office appears, later, to have muttered its dissent). International leaders have a duty to express themselves on the issues of principle raised by events of this devastating scale. Their silence is as shameful as Israel's own savage and unwise re sponse to Hizbullah's provocation.

This is not, unfortunately, the first time that Israel has launched an overkill operation against the people of Lebanon. The real target is always elsewhere - against Damascus for its toleration of Hizbullah or, on this occasion, to disarm rightwing Likud opposition in the run-up to the Israeli elections. On the last occasion, in July 1993, Yitzhak Rabin vowed to make southern Lebanon "uninhab-itable" and to silence Hizbullah once and for all. Then as now, civilians were killed, several hundred thousand fled in miserable panic - and Hizbuilah lived to launch its not very effective rockets another year. But there was one important difference: some Western leaders and govern-ments did actually open their mouths. Britain said then that Israel's "deliberate attempt to displace a large part of the civilian population [of Lebanon] cannot be justified". (Monday's belated expression of "concern" from the Foreign Office at the "humanitarian problems" of the refugees is much weaker and carefully avoids criticising Israel.) Last time too, the Clinton administration blamed Israel in the same breath as Hizbullah, saying that "mili-tary activities directed against all civilians should stop". And Boutros Boutros-Ghall said that it was "deplorable" for any government to adopt policies that would lead to more displaced persons. If all this could be said three years ago, why not now?

Israel's action is to be condemned on two clear grounds of principle. First, it goes far beyond the internationally recognised principle of "proportionate response". The right to self-defence must be exercised with reasonable restraint. Quite apart from the human suffering involved, the scale of Israeli "reprisal" against Lebanoa la so dispropor-tionate as to constitute aggression in its own right. Second, the action breaches international agreements on the protection of civilian populations is time of war. (It is mere sophistry to say this is not a war.) No rational person could regard 400,000 south Lebanese as collectively responsible for the activities of some 500 Hizbullah activists in a few areas, most of them close to the Israeli border. Indeed Israel itself does not pretend that they are: Shimon Peres and his colleagues are quite open about seeking to punish the Lebanese government by terrorising its people. The whole of Lebanon south of the Litani river has been declared a freefire zone where, according to the Israeli army, "anyone remaining is solely responsible for endangering his life". This again is in express violation of the Geneva conventions.

Mr Peres's political difficulties in the wake of the Hamas bornbings have been compounded by Hizbuliah. Some response was to be expected but this protracted campaign has an air of desperation. Naming it Operation Grapes of Wrath evokes the verses in Deuteronomy which vow that "their day of disaster is near". Hizbuliah will survive; it is the confidence needed for the peace process that has been dealt another disastrous blow.

### Hanging on by a single vote

N spite of noises off, it is hard to remember a more steadily lopsided political situation than that now in Britain. Labour's lead in the polls barely changes from month to month. The Staffordshire byelection confirms the conclusion. May's local elections are likely to repeat it. The financial and diplomatic worlds stand by for a down the middle of the fairway and lay up your change of government, while the civil service pre- putts. But that means abandoning the daring that general election and a Labour government.

But Britain is not going to get either for at least a year, not without something very unexpected. As MPs return to Westminster, the atmosphere may appear tense, thanks to that one-vote majority. But time and even the parliamentary arithmetic nevertheless remain on the Conservatives' side. Even if they lost a vote on rail privatisation this week (unlikely because of Unionist support) or on divorce next week (unlikely because of compromises), they would nephably survive a confidence motion. After would probably survive a confidence motion. After July, Parliament will not alt before October. After October, everything will give way to the Budget and, since nobody wants a winter election, the options are actually fairly limited.

Only three things are likely to change that - further byelection losses, a defeat on a confidence vote. or a decision by John Major to go early - and each of them is only a remote possibility. Byelection losses require byelections, and there are none in the offing. For the Government to lose a confidence vote, it must lose the support both of some backbenchers and of the Ulster Unionists. Weekend stories that two Conservative MPs are preparing to provide the first of these changes should be treated with great caution, since they contain no supporting evidence that the turkeys in question have decided to vote for Christmas. In any case, Ulater votes could probably be relied

That leaves the gambier's throw of an early electhat leaves the gambier's throw of an early elec-tion called by Mr Major himself. For that to hap-pen, the Conservatives would have to feel confident that the polls were surging strongly their way and that it would not last into spring 1997. But where is the evidence for that? Not in Staffordshire South-East and probably not in the local elections either. Perhaps a few more wobbly suggestions about increased taxes on middle income Britain from shadow ministers — following Clare Short's on Sunday — might stimulate the surge. But, here again, there is no evidence yet that it would. Mr Major has shown that he can be a gambler, but he has never gambled without calculating the odds first.

The simple reality is that Britain is paying the price for its five-year electoral cycle. No democratic country in the Western world has to wait as long between elections, and perhaps that's a British opt-out that should be abandoned. But when a British government goes off the rails early in a parliament — as the Major government did over Europe and the exchange rate within six months of its re-election in 1992 — and still retains its majority, the probability is of a long wait. Everything should be done to hasten the date of the general election, but it still looks like 1997, even now.

### **Lesson from the** Norman conqueror

G REG NORMAN had never won the US Masters golf championship, but this year he led it from the start. At the end of day one, he was two strokes up on the field. By the second evening his lead was four. After day three he was six strokes clear of his rivals. Heading out on to the course for the last time on Sunday, Norman looked a cert to win.

Then it began to fall apart. Agonisingly, Norman's ead flaked away at every hole. As error followed error, the certainty of a Norman victory dissolved. On hole 86 of the 72-hole tournament, Nick Faldo at last overtook him, playing the way that has brought him so much success so often. At the end, the man who had seemed the certain winner fin-ished five shots behind. It was one of the most

shattering collapses in recent sporting history.

Did Tony Blair watch the coverage of the golf from Augusta? If so, he will have seen Norman act-Nothing is worse than to build and sustain a lead and then throw it away to your greatest rival when within sight of a famous victory. It is especially galling when over the years that rival has won almost as often as you have lost. For in the same way that Norman's squandered dominance embodied Labour's darkest fear, so Faldo's ice-cool discipline under pressure epitomised the Conservative

party's one remaining winning fantasy.

Golf is a game for strong temperaments. The temptation, sitting at the top of the leader board, is to play safe, eliminate errors, hit sensible irons pares itself too. Everyone treats Tony Blair as Prime Minister-presumptive. Britain is ready for a combined Norman's flair and Faldo's cool would ister, go beyond reprisals on Hizbulia not the answer combines with be unstoppable. And so would the politician.

# Middle East's futile dialogue of death

Martin Woollacott

tongue, the peoples of the Middle East are all fluent the region's second language, that of violence. The messages they exchange are literally written in blood. They are almost always incffective. And they have increasingly become messages addressed as much to one's own side as to the enemy. The stereotypical Israeli situation is one in which you kill people in order to send a message to another government that it should use violence against the people who are using violence against you.
You do this without real expects.

tion that it will work but in order to prove to your own people that you are doing what you can. The typical Syrian situation is one in which you permit your proxies to kill people in order to send a message that life will continue to be painful for another government until it gives you a settlement on your terms, which, lowever, are less important in themselves than as a signal of toughness to your own people. The typical situation of what are called terrorist movements is that you kill people in order to prove to your own people, to the Israeli government, and to Arab governments, that you are a power to be reckoned with,

The use of force arises in part from the need to maintain a certain mage and to convince potentially angry and cynical men and women that you are worthy of leading them. There was a time when politicians and soldiers, and the leaders of armed movements, genuinely thought that force could bring fairly easy solutions. If so, it is long past. Violence used in pursuit of clear obectives - smash the PLO, drive out he Jew, wake up the West to the Palestinian cause — was bad enough, But what we see now is violence as an aid to political auryival.

Even the Islamists may no longer believe in the attainability of their supposed ultimate aims. The splits within both Hamas and Hizbullah show that there are some who, at least tactically, believe in politics now rather than in protracted war. Of those speaking the language of violence in the Middle East, very few really believe that it will get them what they say they expect it to get. And they all have plenty of experience of violence getting them he opposite of what they wanted.

For Shimon Peres, this is a hard ime. Twelve years ago, his first task as prime minister was to extract the sraeli army from Lebanon, where it was dangerously dug in after the previous Likud government's invasion launched by Ariel Sharon, the embodiment of the idea that force could solve everything. Lebanon proved the reverse. The PLO survived. Lebanese Shi'ites were traumatised and politicised, replacing the PLO as a threat to Israel's northern towns.

The attacks of records around Stilling. The attacks of poorly armed Shi'ites on the Israelis are said to have

played a part in inspiring the intifada. The chain of consequences still goes on. Now largel has struck at Beirut and at other places in not yet understood the impossibility Lebanon. Threats coming from Ori of winning outright victories. In the lah to suggest that the destruction | certain inevitability about its use.

of Lebanon's economy is not beyond consideration. The Lebanese, Or ominously suggests, may "have to consider if they want Lebanon to develop . , , or if investment in Lebanon will stop, and Lebanon will return to its plight of a few years ago". Mr Peres must be asking how many times he has been here before - making threats and at the same time fearing the consequences of having to carry them out.

His excuse, of course, is that he

has to make war in order to make

peace. A failure to act after Hizbullah fired rockets on northern Israel could have lost him next month's elections. If he loses, the chances for peace are dim indeed. The Likud party and its leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, offer policies that would push the region into limbo, combining a refusal to go forward with the Palestinians with an unwillingnes to reinstate the occupation. The Labour government's reaction to the Hizbullah attacks, as to the Hamas suicide bombs before them, is that something must be seen to be done. and "something" in the Middle East usually involves high explosive. But if Israel has its excuses, so

have the other actors. To say that Syria should not have permitted the Hizbullah attacks is to overlook the tungled story of Syrian and Iranian patronage of that movement, bran's intransigence relates to the efforts of the United States, and Israel, to isolate and punish that difficult country. Syria's intransigence, less marked, relates to Syrian fears that it will not get full restitution of its Golan territory, and that it may it the future also be isolated by the de velopment of an Israel-Palestine-Jo dan economic and political zone.

A S TO Hizbullah and Hamas they are, in their own under standing, at war. They cannot be treated purely as pathology, or as Netanyahu would have it, as evil forces supported by evil countries There is a social basis to their existence, and a history to their aspirations that cannot be ignored. It is imme to say that, at the ead

of the day, people have to talk. The divergence of objectives in the Middle East is such that regimes, and even peoples, see their very existence as at stake. But the change that made the Middle East after Oslo a different place was that, for the first time, Israelis and Palestin ans recognised that neither was strong enough to achieve those ob jectives. Peace could grow out of s recognition of the impossible, that there could be no Greater Israel, nor an Arab Palestine from the Jordan to the Sea. Syria, too, might b brought to recognise that its ambidle East were unrealistic.

True, a kind of Greater Israel ambition could be said to survive in the vision of a Middle East which would other words, might succeed where the Israeli army failed.' ...

But the Islamists are not truly to be cast, at least not yet, as complete villains, but as movements who have Adam Sweeting on the that it was a paper "that makes rather than follows the news". global marketing monster

The whole world's gone logo

and the remorseless advance of the admen

GUARDIAN WEEKLY April 21 1998

HILE Claudio Abbado was making headlines by taking umbrage with Deutsche Grammophon for issuing a compilation of slow movements pruned from his recordings of Mahler symphonies, an Infinitely more horrifying specimen of classical cross-promotional in soundbite form was being readied for launch It was Appassionata, subtitled The Music From The Book By Jilly Cooper Jilly says the album is "a stunning recording of all the most beautiful

music featured in the story". She would know, of course. While researching her book ("a novel about the life and loves of an orchestra"), she narrated Peter And The Wolf at Bristol's Colston Hall, and toured Spain with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, with a view to finding answers to important questions such as "could you bonk a small woman on a glockenspiel?" But the music on her album has been chopped up into such nonsensical fragments that it makes the Abbado compilation look like a model of considered good taste. Even the determinedly frivolous listener might find Appassionata in substantial. There is 1 minute and 51 seconds' worth of Beethoven's mighty Missa Solemnis and Prokofiev's Peter And The Wolf is allotted a mere 49 seconds.

People involved in juggernaut marketing campaigns are not given to levity and facetiousness and they would go out of their way not to notice the ironic significance of the fact that the Appassionata album was released on April 1. All that matters is that the disc should slot into its allotted space in Bantam Press's promotional strategy for darling Jilly, conveniently carrying the baton between a BBC programme about Cooper and her ghastly coterie of green-wellied sycophants in March, and the official publication of the novel this month. The specific content of the Appassionata album is irrelevant. It is only necessary for it to exist as a highly visible com-mercial artefact, identified as a "classical" product by the list of fa-

mous composers on the sleeve, The multi-faceted marketing onslaught is scarcely a new idea, but the creeping notion that nothing exists in its own right or on its own merits, but is merely a facet of some grand plan devised for somebody else's benefit, is beginning to gnaw away at the foundations of what we once regarded as certainties, Movies are riddled with productplacement. TV programmes are sponsored by brewers, newspapers or soft drinks companies. And charttopping records are spin-offs from | investors in F1; and by jumping on jeans commercials.

On April 2 an issue of the Daily Mirror turned blue, because the paper had been bought for the day as a promotional tool of the Pepsi fided that he was proud of the fact. corporation. The Mirror revelled in its new role of advertorial sandwich board. "We have both turned blue," it raved. "For the Mirror, it is just for one day. For Pepsi, it is for ever. From today, its cans are going to be win races but the idea that Formula 1 blue. To mark this historic change, will do anything for money, is not Pepsi has launched the greatest marketing campaign ever." By some bizarre mental process, the Mirror felt able to stress that this proved.

Inside, news (or whatever it is the Mirror usually prints) had turned to

blue-rinsed promotional puffery.
Page two was bannered BLUEMIN'
AMAZING!, while page three
boasted a snap of Claudia Schiffer looking coy in a bathrobe, and fondling a can of blue Pepsi. Claudia "becomes a lad's dream girl in one of the new Pepsi adverts", we learned, since Claudia joins Cindy Crawford and Andre Agasal in Pepsi's \$3 million TV campaign (Pepsi is spending \$300 million worldwide). On page 32, there were details of how to claim your free can of Pepsi at supermarkets. Surely the Mirror's eagerness to

mortgage itself to a multinationa soft drinks corporation makes mockery of any pretence at independent editorial thought or unbiased reporting? But this modest proposal falls flat on its face once we take into account the sorry saga of the Times and its sell-out to the computer software monolith Microsoft, on August 24 last year, to assist in the massive global launch of Windows 95. The paper's price was reduced to zero as Microsoft paid for the paper's entire print run. reducing the Thunderer to the role of givenway freesheet in Bill Gates's globe-devouring masterplan.

While the ploy made worldwide headlines for Microsoft, the Times. which once enjoyed an historic role as counsellor to prime ministers and now clearly carried no greater moral authority than any of the advertisements within its pages.

endeavour where this kind of rampant image-mongering is accepted as the norm. Rock groups get sponsored by Pepsi or Budweiser. Tennis players are plastered in advertising logos, while foot-ballers and basketball players all seem to work for Nike. Nobody has yet managed to invent a more spectacularly cash-guzzling sphere of activity than Formula 1 motor racing. and considering that each Formula I team is running its own minia-turised version of the space programme, constantly experimenting with new electronic systems, lightweight materials and aerodynamics the necessity for dramatic financial

support is obvious. Even so, you might hope that there was still some tiny space for free will and moral choice, but don't bank on it. Shortly before the new Formula 1 season began, the Jordan team announced a spectacular new deal with Benson & Hedges, allegedly worth \$23 million this year alone. Suddenly Jordan's familiar green and white cars were resprayed a sickly B&H-style yellow,

Marlboro, Rothmana, Gitanes the megabuck sponsorship carousel, Jordan's prospects took an immedithat he was managing to run his team without major tobacco aponsorship. You can't blame the ebullient Irishman for wanting to attract the best personnel to his team and. going to boost its appeal to those, viewers who still cling to quaint, old-fashioned notions of ethics, and

But maybe there aren't any viewers like that any more, so why worry? Even cricket, supposed repository of sporting values, has fallen into the clutches of globalised marketing. The recent World Cup was the setting for an unsightly squabble between Coke and Pepsi. Coca-Cola had paid \$3.7 million t be an official sponsor of the tourns ment, to which Pepai riposted by signing up individual players and launching a barrage of TV commercials, in which "their" players were offered a Coke, but turned it down n favour of Pepsi. While drinks intervals were announced by airborne inflatable Coke bottles,

fused to drink the stuff. The lacklustre England squad are sponsored by Tetley's brewery, but bylously it doesn't work. A multibillion dollar deal with Nike, share options in a friendly privatised water company and a spin-off album featuring easy-listening snippets of patriotic music might be just what England needs to attract players of the right calibre into the game.

Feeling blue . . . Andre Agassi, Claudia Schiffer and Concorde leature in Pepsi's new campaign





Working abroad?



Future in Sterling



Finances in good hands

Equitable Life International understands that working shroad is never that certain. Yet when you want to make the most of your hard-'carned money, you'll find some investment companies expect your plans to suit theirs, Our international investment products are different.

You can save as much or as little\* as you like for as long as it suits you, and you can make lump sum or regular contributions for secure, tax-free growth.

We have a range of plans for residents abroad, including options to invest in sterling or US dollars. You can build capital, boost your income and plan for the future with a British company that has been generating wealth for its clients since 1762. Post or fax the coupon to find out more, and

include your telephone number if you would

### The Equitable Life Pounded in Great Britain in 1762

Manual of the International Division Albert Home. South Puplando, St Peter Port, Onermoy, Channel Ishada, CV.1 IAW

	Public: The Equitorie Life, International Divinion, Albert House, special institution in the Continued of th
	Please send me information about The Equitable Life's international investment products.
	Starling 11 11S3 [1]
	$1_{11} \times 10^{12}$ $1_{12} \times 1_{13} \times 1_{14} \times $
	Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)
1. 3	Address grave the second secon
	non-transfer of the first of the state of th
	Parameter Andrews and Antonia
	Country 1911 1911 1911 1911 1911 1911 1911 19
	Tel(Office)
1.2	Please call rice at 11 miles 1 miles 1 miles (hours GMT)
: '	The contribution of the first of the second of the contribution of
	OR FAX THIS COUPON TO (INTERNATIONAL CODE) #44 1481, 7(2069)



**Philip Thornton** 

HE UK government was accused this week of attempting to bribe the public after it unveiled a new package of measures designed to entice small investors to buy shares in Railtrack.

Ministers also revealed almost all of its ownership of the company the linchpin of railway privatisation - is to be sold off rather than the 51 per cent analysts had expected.

The Labour party and opponents of rail privatisation condemned the use of sweeteners - which include a \$104 million dividend payment. The public will be offered shares at a discount to the price paid by institutional investors, on top of sweeteners unveiled last week to allay fears of investors worried by the political risk involved in the run-up to a general election.

Labour said it would mount an attempt to overturn the Government's slim one-vote majority and block the sale by marshalling support from Ulster Unionist MPs and Tories unhappy with rail policy in a Commons debate this week. And an alliance of unions and pressure groups opposed to privatisation said they were considering legal action over the dividend, which will be shared by new

Investors will have to find a mini-

track Group plc. Under the privatisation plan out-

lined on Tuesday:

☐ The offer will be structured in two parts - a UK Public Offer aimed at ordinary investors and the international Offer targeted at big City investors at home and abroad: The sale to the public starts on May 1 and shares will be priced at 190p with the minimum purchase of

The UK Public Offer will be at a discount to the price paid by institutional investors;

☐ The price of the second instalment will be the same for both the public and the City.

The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, said people had shown "significant interest" in the sell-off. "The offer details we have announced have been designed to be attractive to retail investors and I am confident of achieving another successful sale."

But the shadow transport secretary, Clare Short, condemned the sell-off. Privatisation would damage the country's rail network and drive more people on to the roads, "We believe that it's a grave breach of the national interest to sell off all our signalling, the tracks and sta-



Now departing . . . the director of rail franchising, Roger Salmon, said he will stand down in October, two years early PHOTO: MAX MUMBY

for the sell-off has been dampened by Labour opposition to the sale. although the party has stopped short of committing itself to buying back Railtrack if it forms the next

soonsible" for Labour simply to threaten potential investors it would take back Railtrack. If it was sold, Labour had a "detailed programme tions in every town and city in the land at a very, very cheap price." for making sure we have a better railway", ahe said. — PA

1980s. Her work shows that a per-

times higher than the latter's. There

The squashing of the poorest into

money people have - it is about

and giving it to the unsuccessful has

already gone out of fashion, because

taking people's cash makes govern-

Instead of raising the level of

HE NEW geography of

are no tourists here.

City analysts believe enthusiasm | • One of Britain's busiest commuter lines is to be handed over to

> muters every day. Meanwhile train drivers who work for the newly privatised Great Western company have been offered a 20 per cent rise if their union, Aslef, also agrees to do away with second drivers in cabs.

the French utility firm Companie

Générale des Eaux on a seven-year

contract, it was announced last

week. London and South Coast Ltd

will serve nearly 250,000 rail com-

### Ex-BNFL man warns against 'car boot sale'

A FORMER senior executive in the nuclear power industry has likened the Government's tors to a car boot sale and advised investors to steer clear, write Simon Beavis and Paul Brown

Harold Bolter, former com-pany secretary of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, says the Government will sell off eight reactors belonging to British Energy for less than the cost of building just one of them — the 84 billion Sizewell B station in Suffolk.

"Anyone offered an eight-forthe-price-of-one bargain in a car boot sale would be looking for hidden snags — and potential investors in British Energy Ltd should exercise similar caution, Mr Bolter writes in a book. Inside Sellafield.

The price the Government ex pects to get for seven advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell is an "indication of how desperate it is to get . . . the nuclear industry off its hands".

In a highly disparaging dismissal of the sale, planned for

July, he adds: "This is not so much a case of the Government selling off the family silver as disposing of a canteen of old and unwanted cutlery for the best price it can obtain.

# Blair offers little comfort to poor

Labour's new concern with community may result in an 'out of sight, out of mind' attitude to poverty in Britain, says Richard Thomas

OVERTY has vanished. Not in real life, of course — where the poor are stubbornly still

with us - but from public debate. Even the term has become politically incorrect. Euphemiems abound: low income, disadvantaged, socially excluded, vulnerable. "Financially challenged" is surely just around the corner.

The poor have always been stig-matised by the right but now the left seems embarrassed by poverty, too. Don't mention the poor.

Thirty years ago, Brian Abel-Smith, who died earlier this month. "rediscovered" poverty through diligent social research and numbercrunching. Another rediscovery is long overdue. For the politicians, if

The poverty lobby, of course, claims it has been highlighting the | — most Britons at plight of the poor on a daily basis. Groups such as the Child Poverty Ac-

But no one believes them any more. Last week, the CPAG published a snapshot of poverty\* showing that 18.5 million people — a third of the population - are poor, or on the margins of poverty. People are

cord with everyday experience is Anne Green, a researcher at the that the figures are based on a University of Warwick, has charted cross-section of people - some of the growing spatial polarisation bewhom may be "poor" only for a short time. Many of the people who are poor at one point in time may be

back on their feet a few months on. Paul Johnson, writing in this month's Oxford Review of Economic Policy, shows that half of the people living on or below half average income in one year are above the line 12 months later. Only one in three of those on income support spend more than two years out o

There is a world of difference between a middle-manager down on his luck for a few months and a family living on means-tested benefits for decades. Forget about the poverty tourists: it is the chronic, persistent poor — probably accounting for 5-10 per cent of the population — who really matter:

This is all very well, say the antipoverty activists and Labour, but the only way to garner support from the middle class is to blur this distinction - make us think we are all in this together. Labour's emphasis on insecurity is part of this strategy

cheque from poverty". But this tactic could backfire, at tion Group (CPAG), formed in the | least for the poor. Voters know the wake of Mr Abel-Smith's 1960s' re- | difference between the fretting mid- | ments unpopular - but also besearch, produce reams of statistics. | dle class and the abject poor - and | banging on about the former risks targeting welfare benefits at poor in-diluting concern for those gen-dividuals damages work incentives. uinely in need.

The poor are already margin-alised. Not so much by the lack of

is no longer subsidised by the middle class, so the state will have to do it. The housing stock desperately needs updating. Instead of redistributing to poor

people, we should redistribute to poor places. There are some innovatween rich and poor during the tive ways of doing this. One concrete achievement of the Clinton son in the poorest "travel to work" administration was the establishment of the Community Developarea is six times more likely to be unemployed than someone in the most affluent. But the real tragedy ment Financial Institutions Fund, which provides free loans to groups is in the depths of the poverty: the in poor areas for locally staffed reformer's chances of having been out generation. Why not in Britain? of work for more than a year is 23

Ultimately, however, the necessary funds can come only from higher taxation on the better-off, or a reduction in their welfare payslands of neglect has transformed ments - mortgage tax relief and the experience of poverty. It is one child benefit are prime targets.

thing to live on benefits in a decent But the high walls between rich area with little crime, a welland poor areas make this harder politically. As Ms Green says: "It is a equipped doctor's surgery and good school, quite another to live in fear case of out of sight out of mind. The of a mugging, knowing the chances middle class never come across the of your son or daughter getting a GCSE are almost nil. Poverty is not people in the council estates -- even heir kida don't mix." about how much or how little

This is why Labour's new concern with community could spell trouble for the poor. The "communitarians", led by the US guru Amitai Etzloni - and counting Mr Blair poverty demands a recasting of the traditional leftwing among their number — stress the moral responsibility on individuals agenda of redistribution. Taking to look after themselves, their famiighbours and communities

As Carey Oppenheim, one of the authors of the CPAG book, says: "Geographical polarisation changes the political agenda, because people cause it is now accepted that don't see themselves as occupying

At its worst, community activism can take the form of barricadebenefits, the priority must be to reduce the impact of poverty on peo-ple's lives. Teachers and doctors building — working together to stop social housing or half-way homes for the mentally ill from margins of poverty. People are rightly sceptical of such claims. No one in their right mind thinks a third of Britons are poor.

The main reason the outpourings of the poverty industry do not ac smart Georgian squares.

The main reason the poverty industry do not ac money but by geography. One of the past working on sink estates should be paid two or three times as much as paid two or three times as much as third of Britons are poor.

Britain's cities into council-estate ghettos of desperation, alongside of the poverty industry do not ac smart Georgian squares.

The main reason the outpourings of the poverty industry do not ac smart Georgian squares.

The main reason the outpourings of the poverty industry do not ac smart Georgian squares.

The main reason the outpourings of the mentally ill from working on sink estates should be paid two or three times as much as colleagues in the leafy areas whatever it takes to get the best, in place of the worst. Public transport

indifferent to the fate of outsiders." But his prescription scarcely amounts to the kind of investment required to rescue the most marginal areas. "The ways lof helping other communities) are almost endless from sending food, blankets and volunteers when a neighbouring com-munity is overwhelmed to sharing

equipment such as snow ploughs."
Blankets are not enough. Communitarianism will only be a progressive force if the fortunate sec themselves as being in the same community as the poor. And the fracturing of British society makes this less, rather than more, likely.

The rhetoric of community has a powerful resonance in a society which has witnessed the destruc tion wrought by rampant individual ism. It could be replaced by leave the poor as invisible as ever.

\*Poverty: The Facts, CPAG, 1-5 Bath Street, London EC1V 9PY

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

	, April 18	April 1
Australia	1.9074-1.9098	1,9390-1,942
Austria	16.00-16.02	15.87-15.90
Belglum	46.75-46.70	48.39 48.49
Canada .	2.0440-2.0457	2.0009-2.009
Denmark ·	8.78-8.79	8.71 8.70
France ·	7.72-7.72	7.68-7.70
Germany	2.2782-2.2783	2.2579-2.261
Hong Kong .	11.65-11.68	11,80-11.81
ireland .,	0.9678-0,9895	0.9859-0.971
italy	2,389-2,371	2,360-2,323
Japan	163.34-163.46	163,73-164.0
Nathedands	2.5445-2,5472	2.5260-2.629
New Zealand	2.2210-2.2243	2.2201-2,223
Norway	0.81-0.83	9.78-9.80
Portugal	233.42-233.66	232.94-233.5
Spain	189.86-190.12	189.78-190.0
Sweden	10.16-10.18	10.14-10.17
Switzenfond*	1.8638-1.8662	1.8199-1.822
UBA 1	1,5074-1,5061	1.5260 1.628
		1.2185-1.219

QUARDIAN WEEKLY April 21 1996

# The Washington Post

## Aid Workers' Exodus Adds to Liberia Woes

Jonathan C. Randal in Freetown, Sierra Leone

TTH the United States nearing conclusion of its helicopter evacuation of foreigners from Monrovia at the weekend, the Liberian capital faces the prospect of coping without the international aid personnel essential to keep the West African nation

The evacuation of crucial United Nations specialists and private relief workers - an inadvertent consequence of the worst factional vio-lence in Monrovia in the seven-year-old Liberian civil war -has worsened the plight of the city. which is suffering from a severe lack of water, food and sanitation.

Relief workers among the nearly 1,500 foreigners evacuated since Tuesday last week by U.S. Army or Air Force helicopters said in interviews that they will think twice before resuming full operations in Monrovia. Without functioning offices there, distribution of humanitarian aid elsewhere in the country could be compromised, they said.

"Going back in is likely to be a group decision involving the major relief agencies [that] have worked in Liberia," said Joseph DeVries of World Vision International, "95 percent of their vehicles, records and other infrastructure is now destroyed. By their very presence, relief agencies provided some sense of restraint on the armed factions,

observers on the ground. Now almost all have gone.

But as other humanitarian relief workers learned in post-Cold War conflicts in Bosnia, Somalia and Rwanda, relief workers here say that their presence and good deeds are no substitute for a commitment by major Western powers to maintain law and order.

"Regional solutions for regional problems, African solutions for African problems — that was our mantra back in 1990," an American diplomat who follows African events recalled recently. "But it didn't work out."

Instead of taking an active and di rect role in restoring order in Liberia, the Bush administration encouraged and helped bankroll a predominantly Nigerian peacekeeping force described by Liberians and some diplomats in Monrovia as just mother looting militia.

Over the years, as U.S. relations with Nigeria deteriorated, Washington found itself unwittingly committed to the West African regional peace force known as ECOMOG, or the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group.

In the first five years of the war in Liberia, most of the country was ransacked, 150,000 Liberians were killed, and more than half the nation's 2.3 million people were displaced, according to relief agencies

By last August, with little left to loot, both ECOMOG and Charles years of service, the stage was set

Dash for safety . . . a US embassy soldier orders Western cvacuees to hurry aboard a helicopter leaving

vaded on Christmas Eve 1989 from lvory Coast to overthrow the U.S.backed government of Samuel K. Doe, appeared ready to cut a deal.

Taylor and rival faction leaders agreed to a six-man Council of State that was entrusted with disarming the various militias as a precondition for holding elections next fall. Not only did disarmament fail to

take place, but the militias smuggled arms into Monrovia in violation of a commitment to keep the capital clear of combatants and weaponry. As bush fighters became increas-

Mondale said the plan had been

pproved by Clinton, who discussed

Futenma air base had come to

base is surrounded by dense resi-

dential areas whose residents have

complained bitterly about noise

a California last month.

ingly restless with their leaders' in-ability to reward them for their

Taylor, the civil servant who in- | for the outbreak of looting by men eager to share in the war's spoils.

The lighting began in Monrovia when Taylor and his allies attacked Roosevelt Johnson, leader of a faction of of the Movement for Democracy in Liberia, which controlled strategic territory near the city.

Taylor appears to have miscalculated. His offensive has reunited the ranks of the Krahn, a tribe prominent in the army during Doe's

decade-long reign.

Taylor defended his attack, insist ing in a radio broadcast that it was "government policy" made necessary by Johnson's misdeeds. But last week, militiamen of Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia off by ECOMOG.

broke into an oceanside hotel less than 600 feet from the U.S. Embassy, robbed 40 Lebanese sheltered there and stole all the cars in the parking lot.

In Liberia these days, such lack of discipline is not limited to Taylor's faction. But Taylor, reputedly the toughest-minded of the warlords, has a record of political miscalculation just as power seems about to fall peacefully into his hands.

After defeating Doe's army is 1990, he chose violence rather than move to elections, which observers felt he was assured of winning. In 1992, he launched an offensive against Monrovia that was driven

## U.S. to Return Okinawa Air Base to Japan

Kevin Sulilvan in Tokyo

the end of World War II.

THE United States announced L plans last week to return a key U.S. air base in Okinawa to Japan, a move aimed at soothing tensions over the U.S. military presence here with one of the largest reversions of U.S.-controlled land in Japan since

The dramatic announcement by U.S. Ambassador Waiter F. Mondale and Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, carried live on national television, was a symbolic prelude to President Clinton's state

visit here this week.

With difficult trade issues expected to remain in the background at the summit, the unexpected base deal will be the centerpiece of a rousing pep rally for the U.S. Japan security alliance, complete with a Clinton speech on the deck of the ircraft carrier USS Independence.

clinton sald in Washington that the agreement addresses "legitimate concerns the people of Okinawa have about noise levels, access to land. I hope we've got a good resolution of the concerns the people of Okinawa have about noise levels, access to land. I hope we've got a good resolution of the concerns tion here that will permit us to defend our own security interests and ... pursue our interests in the northern Pacific and fulfil our commit-ments to our Japanese allies."

Mondale and Hashimoto said that the 1,200-acre Futenma Marine Corps Air Station will be closed and returned to Japan within five to seven years. Harrier jets stationed there will return to the United

States, while helicopters and tanker planes will move to other sites in t with Hashimoto when the two met Japan. Military personnel from the base will be reassigned to other American bases in Japan, and there symbolize Okinawans' anger at the will be no reduction in the overall huge U.S. military presence. The

U.S. troop strength here. Mondale said those measures plus others designed to reduce "noise and other irritants" in Okinawa, would be formally unveiled in Tokyo by U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry, who was visiting just ahead of Clinton. "This demonstrates we have what it takes to build an enduring alliance for the 21st century," said Mondale, standing next to Hashimoto.

The two officials also took the op-

portunity to hint at another breakthrough that may come during Clinton's visit. Hashimoto said Japan is prepared to consider expanding the role its military would play in supporting U.S. forces in the event of war in the region.

from engaging in anything but de-fensive military actions. The more conservative factions here interpret that to mean Japan should not resupply U.S. ships, lend spare parts or allow the use of Japanese landing strips to U.S. Jets in the event of a crisis. It is remarkable for a Japanese prime minister to say he is even willing to consider such actions.
Officials later said the announce

ment was made on Friday last week because word of it had leaked out, and the governments wanted to announce the news themselves.

huge tankers that fly in and out. Until last week, the chances of re-

turning it to Okinawans seemed remote. U.S. officials had declared the base, and its 9,000-foot long runway, vitally important to their strategic mission of keeping stability in the

Since last September's rape of a 12-year-old girl by three U.S. servicemen, Okinawans have pressed for a reduction in the U.S. military pres-

from helicopters. Harrier jets and | ence on the southern islands, and Futenma was their primary target.

Okinawa's governor, Masahide Ota, the most vocal critic of the U.S. military in his community, said he was pleased with the announcement. Ota said the return of Futenma had been his "number-one priority," and the decision to return t demonstrated sincerity about Oki nawan concerns by Tokyo and Washington. He said he hoped there would be more concessions.



Or complete this coupon and send it to Talking Taper Direct, Freepast (PE 564), Peterberough PE2 68R, U.K.

Please rush me my FREE Talking Tapes Direct. 'Preview' Tape & Catalogue

. Parador the S.

From time to time we may make defined and reddresses from our midling list available to other reputable, carefully relocted companies whose products may

be of interest to you. Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive such make its.

Kenneth J. Cooper in Islamabad

sile, the other vows to develop a similar NE country tests a new mis-

own. One prepares for an under-

ground nuclear test, the other gets

ready to do likewise. One proposes

to increase its defense budget, the

It is almost as if the Cold War has

started all over again, this time in

South Asia, as an insecure Pakistan

other threatens to match the rise.

Kirstin Downey Grimsley

N A LAWSUIT filed last week, the federal government accused the U.S. subsidiary of Japan's Mitsubishi Motors Corporation of allowing male employees and managers at an Illinois plant to sexually harass hundreds of female workers.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said in its suit that male employees at the Mitsubishi plant in Normal, Illinois, engaged in repeated "groping, grabbing and touching" of female employees, used abusive sexual language to the women, required some to consent to sexual relations as a condition of employment, and forced their resig-nations if they complained of the

In a formal statement about the suit, EEOC vice chairman Paul Igasaki said that men called women "sluts, whores and bitches and other names which I cannot repeat" in the workplace. They placed drawings of genitals, breasts and various sexual acts, labeled with female employees' names, on car fenders and cardboard signs along the auto assembly line, he said. Between 300 and 500 women were affected by the behavior, the agency said.

Gary Shultz, vice president and general counsel for the subsidiary. Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America Inc., denied the allegations and said that the EEOC's lowsuit and public comments on the charges were motivated by election-

"This is a mean strenk," Shultz said. "It is more than unfair. They're trying it in the public."

In an earlier statement, Shultz

Crash Pilot's

**Mother Says** 

STANDING before the spot where where her daughter died

in the crumpled wreckage of a

single-engine plane, Lisa Blair Hath-

away last week defended her deci-

sion to allow seven-year-old Jessica

Dubroff to attempt a cross-country

flight that ended in tragedy in

you can question that," said Hath-away as she knelt with her two sur-

viving children next to a makeshift

shrine bedecked with flowers and

stuffed animals 50 yards from the

driveway where the Cessna 177 car-

rying Jessica, her father Lloyd

Joe Reid plummeted to the ground.

Dubroff and her flight instructor

"Jess did what she enjoyed: she had

a full, wonderful, wonderful, exquis-

Hathaway's outward calm in ex-

plaining the great tragedy of her

daughter's death as the price of an

expansive and joy-filled life came as

rom Cheyenne Municipal Airport

n a driving rainstorm accompanied

"You look at Jess and tell me how

Tom Kenworthy and Kathryn Wexler

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

ite life."

Choice Right

will never [be] — and has never | satory and punitive damages, which | been — tolerated at this plant. We | could add up to more than \$10 | find harassment in the workplace to be reprehensible and it has no place" at his company.

The EEOC called its action "the argest sexual harassment suit nationwide" since the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. The filing comes at a time when the agency's entire mission has been called into question by some members of the Republican-controlled Congress. They contend that efforts to assure equal opportunity have gone too far and have become an unfair burden

Recently, the EEOC has come under criticism for its handling of an investigation of the Hooter's Inc. restaurant chain, which has been the subject of numerous sexual haassinent and gender discrimination lawsuits by male and female employees. In the fall, Hooter's aunched a successful public relaions counterattack on the agency. ridiculing its actions. Facing Congressional pressure, the EEOC has acked down on the case and is un-

agency have said. The Mitsubishi plant was built in 1988 as a joint venture of Chrysler Corporation and Mitsubishi. In 1991, Mitsubishi bought out Chrysler's interest in the plant. Today it manufactures cars including Mitsubishi Eclipses and Gallants, Chrysler Eagle Talons and Sebrings and Dodge Avengers, It employs about 4,000 workers, mostly Americans and about 70 Japanese. Some top managers are

American and others are Japanese. The EEOC is seeking back pay for the women, as well as compen-

her record flight attempt ended in tragedy last week

one other aircraft from taking off,

Dubroff, who would have turned

Hathaway spoke with great equa-

both Jessica Dubroff's parents and | death in terms that appeared to re- | and legislative restrictions on flights

an aviation system that allowed the | flect the family's unconventional life | by children, Hathaway implored the

pants of the small plane died in am here for my own well-being," to inhibit young people who seek atautly about 8:30am on Thursday said Hathaway, who has described fulfilment and self-expression in the

n a driving rainstorm accompanied pearance on NBC's Today show, anyone back is to miss the y strong winds and sleet daunting Hathaway sobbed about her daugh message."

plete a cross-country flight.

criticism mounted nationwide of nimity of her daughter's life and

accident to happen. The three occu- in .Pescadero, California. "I simply

ast week, shortly after taking off herself as a "spiritual healer."

enough to have dissuaded at least | ter's death, while defending the de-

eight next month, was attempting to her back," a crying Hathaway said

become the youngest pilot to com- as she cradled her three-year-old

cision to let her fly. "She had a free-

dom which you can't get by holding

Amid calls in Washington and

across the country for regulatory

Federal Aviation Administration not

air. "There's a lot of great pilots out

daughter, Jasmine.

director of the EEOC's office in Chicago, The class-action lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Peoria, Illinois,

The EEOC investigation was initiated in early 1994 by R. Gaull Silbernann, a Republican commissioner originally appointed by President Reagan, after 26 female employees at the plant made a formal complaint to the agency.
"This case should have a signifi-

cant impact beyond the parties and should send the strong message that sexual harassment in the workplace, whether in office suites or on the assembly line floor, will not be tolerated - especially not on the outrageous scale that we see here," Igasaki said.

Igasaki said that investigators

Male employees and supervisors ridiculed, ostracized and physically threatened women who complained of the treatment, and sabotaged

ikely to file a lawsuit, sources in the | 🚨 Forced women to resign to escape the harassment; In at least one case, a male em-

ployee put his air gun between a fenale's legs and pulled the trigger. There were many other kinds of physical sexual harassment," Igasaki said at a news conference

Chicago, "They are all serious," EEOC officials in Chicago said that many male employees at the plant, most of them Americans, took part in the harassment, but that top officials failed to put an end to it They said that some men who sought to speak up about the harassment were punished for protesting.

Rowe said that in one case, a manried man who worked at the plant entered the men's room and found a written description of his wife's supposed participation in group sex with men who worked at the plant.

"It was an untrue allegation about his wife up on the wall, with implications to their marriage and family life." Rowe said. These actions "had extreme consequences and psychological effects on the employees.

This case stands apart."
Shultz of Mitsubishi said the conpany investigated the charges when they were first brought in 1993 and 1994, initially by the 26 female employees, and found that the company's "policies, practices and procedures were quite effective, more than adequate. They are very

The 26 employees continue to pursue their case, independently of the EEOC investigation, with a suit filed in U.S. District Court. Attorneys representing them declined to make them available.

In August 1995, the EEOC announced its largest-ever such settlement in a sexual barassment case, Del Laboratories, a cosmetics firm based in Farmingdale, New York, which makes Sally Hansen Cosmetics and Hard As Nails manicure products, agreed to pay \$1.2 million to settle the lawsuit.

In the lawsuit. Del Labs Chairman Dan K. Wasong was charged by 15 female assistants with touching female employees' breasts and buttocks, asking for oral sex, conducting business with his pants zinper open and using abusive sexual language to women workers. Del Labs officials denied that any civil rights violations had occurred.

Legislation is expected to be inroduced in Congress this week that would prohibit the very young from ploting planes, and Senate Commerce Committee chairman farry Pressler, R-South Dakota, said lax rules by the FAA encouraged the kind of competition that led to Dubroff's death.

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which represents more than 340,000 general aviation pilots, continues to oppose tougher regulation of young flyers, but said the crash should put an end to such "youngest pilot competition." Drew Steketee, AOPA's senior vice president for communications, said, "AOPA and many people in the general aviation community have been uncomfortable with these flights."

Investigators for the National Pransportation Safely Board met In Greeley, Colorado to pore over the wreckage of the Cessna 177, Chief investigator Steve McCreary said a final determination of the cause Jessica Dubroff, aged seven, stands beside her Cessna plane before | might take up to six months.

The question that was on the minds of many people — why would Jessica Dubroff's parents not just countenance a seven-year-old's nuest for an aviation record but encourage it - came into somewhat clearer focus during Hathaway's hour-long encounter with scores of reporters at the crash scene on Kornegay Street in Cheyenne.

Jessica's life may have been cut short, said Hathaway, but that is no argument for denying her a rich childhood in which she reveled in the freedom of her parenta' philo-sophy that children should be given Earlier in the day, during an an there of any age," she sald. "To hold great latitude to learn by experimentation and exploration rather than by sitting in a classroom.

# Too Slow

COLD REPORT AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OF

Gabriel Escobar in La Paz

Concluded that Latin American conomies, although more stable are growing at such a modest rate that poverty, unemployment and other social iffs remain unchanged and in some instances have wor ened in the past decade despite sweeping market reforms.

The study, by the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, will be released formally this week at the biannual conmission meeting in Costa Rica, Put together by staff economists, it offers a sobering look at the region and is certain to fuel debate be tween those who favor free market liberalization and those who argue that the gap between rich and poor is increasing.

More evidence that a decade of nacroscopomic stability has not inproved the lives of the poor is bound a increase already enormous pres sure on most of the hemisphere's governments. With criticism coning from such disparate sources as Pope John Paul II and Mexican rebel leader Subcomandante Mar cos, governments are being asked to address social problems while at the same time adhering to tight fiscal policies demanded by the prevailing er mounic model.

The U.N. report concludes that structural and economic reforms men out of the debt crisis of the early 1980s constitute a "fundamental transformation in the region's process of development." But even though it acknowledges the reforms stabilized prices, attracted foreign ovestment and strengthened democracies, the study paints a pessimistic picture of what all this has meant so far to the region's poor who are a majority.

The study concludes that the retion has not yet created enough jobs to help reduce poverty or close the gap between rich and poor. The poor in some instances are worse off today than before the fiscal crisis of the early 1980s, which wiped out significant gains of the previous two lecales, according to the report.

It says policies to address social problems have been "insufficient, either too limited or too constricted by tight monetary policies to make significant difference. Although not mentioned in the study, frustration over the economic model is one of the principal causes of civic unrest in the region, responsible for the peasant uprising in Mexico as well as periodic riots in Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and elsewhere.

In one of the more sobering conclusions, the study says the delicate social situation could shake the oundations upon which the reforms rest. "This presents a not-too healthy social panorama," the study concludes, according to a summary released by the commission, "with latent problems that could make it difficult to sustain the process of de-

Gert Rosenthal, the commission's secretary general, said the region is still better off than six or seven years ago, when many countries were struggling with the aftermath of the fiscal crisis. But he said the reforms are "not yet consolidated, and the purpose of this document is to convince governments that there is room for public policies."

## Economies in Latin States

**UNITED NATIONS study has** 

tries to keep up with its archenemy and much larger neighbor, India, in a race to develop their nuclear arsenals and the means to deliver them. With the two countries locked in a long-standing rivalry over Kashmir, the CIA has warned that the world's greatest potential for nuclear conflict lies in this region. The subcontinental arms race has caused complications in U.S. relations with India and Pakistan

dike, with both countries unlikely to agree to an international nuclear test ban being negotiated in Geneva. In addition, it has created an extra irritant in relations with China, a country the CIA contends has supplied nuclear-related material to Pakistan. The arms race has intensified because of several developments in the past year. In India, the ruling Congress Party has adopted a more hawkish stance in advance of parlia-

mentary elections beginning later his mouth and extending into May. The New Delhi government said it was provoked by U.S. consideration of the release of \$368 million in conventional arms to Pakistan and by China's reported shipment to Pakistan of specialized magnets used to enrich uranium. Reports circulated in Washington

last December that India was preparing a site for an underground nuclear explosion, which would be Makest since the surprise initial test ast in 1974, But the plans were suspended in the face of U.S. protests, according to a congres sional source.

Then in January, India ignored U.S. objections and carried out another test of its new Prithvi II missile, which can carry nuclear warheads and has a range of 155 miles, enough to reach such Pakistani cities as Lahore, Islamabad and Rawalpindi, It remains unclear, however, whether India has actually deployed the missile, which officials in Pakistan suspect was designed to attack its major cities.

Whatever India's motivations, Pakistan has vowed not to be outdone. "If India wants to prove its manhood by conducting a nuclear lest then we have the capability to e our manhood," Foreign Minis-Sardar Asit Ahmed Ali told Pakiwan's parliament last month. "We ani le carry out a nuclea est, but we have taken all measures for the security of the country."

The tensions between the two South Asian neighbors — which Maye fought three wars — are poted in religion and the dispute wer Kashmir. When the British left he subcontinent in 1947, the mic republic of Pakistan was reated as a haven for Muslims who ad suffered discrimination at the ands of India's predominant Hinwhile what remained of British adia became a secular democracy hone Muslim-majority province:

munu and Kashmir. The military rivalry turned nuin 1974 after India conducted ponly underground test so far, In

figar Ali Blutto - the father of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto declared that impoverished Pakistan would "go for nuclear status even if we have to cat grass."

India, Pakistan Fight for Nuclear Parity

Since 1987, Pakistan has said it possesses the know-how and mater ial to make nuclear weapons, but it has yet to demonstrate its capability One Western diplomat suggested that India and Pakistan have been

confronted with decisions about whether to build up their nuclear capacity as the rest of the world moves away from developing nuclear arsenals or adding to existing

response, then-Prime Minister Zul- | signed an indefinite extension of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Nor does either appear willing to embrace a comprehensive test-han treaty being drafted by 38 Pakistan has indicated it will not

sign the treaties unless India does. Judia has criticized the NPT and draft test-ban treaty as discriminatory because they constrain nuclear threshold states without taking nuclear weapons away from the five nations that acknowledge having them: the United States, Russia China, France and Britain.

As a result, India has sought to link the test ban to a definite timetable for eliminating nuclear against nuclear threats from China

ingful treaty if it's not going to be a disarmament step," Arundhati Chose, India's negotiator on the test ban, said in an interview from Geneva. "You need a target date for when this process will end . . . at least acceptance of a concept that there must be a target date" for eliminating nuclear arsenals.

date later. More than 60 percent of urban Indians surveyed last December by India Today magazine said they would approve if the nation conducted another test blast. And 72 percent rated "protecting ourselves

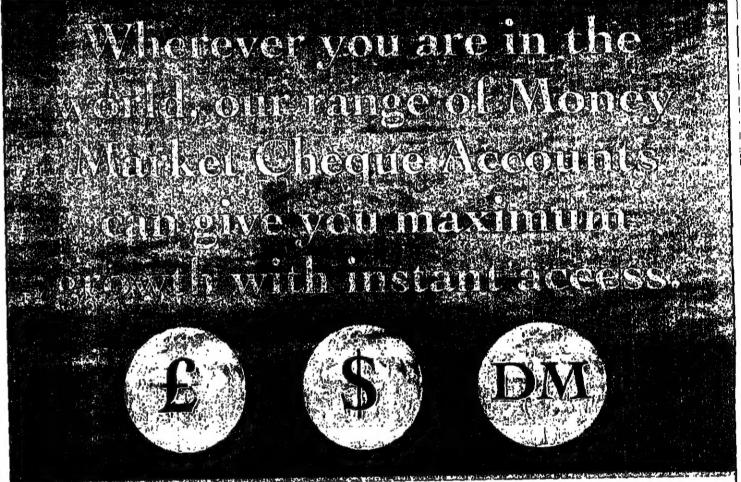
"We can negotiate the actual target

and Pakistan" as the most important reason to have a nuclear program. Nuclear weapons capability

even more popular in Pakistan, where opinion surveys consistently have shown about 80 percent saying the country should have an arsenal A Gallup poll in January indicated similar support for Pakistan to conduct a nuclear test if India does.

Pakistan, a nation of 130 million fears being overwhelmed militarily by India, which has a population of more than 900 million. India's conventional forces outnumber Pakistan's by about 2 to 1, and many Pakistanis consider having a credible threat of nuclear retaliation a matter of national survival.

"At least in our mind, if not on the ground, the race is on," a senior Pakistani military officer said. "The



You could search the wide world over for a more flexible cheque account and never find it.

Bank of Scotland in Jersey's Money Market Cheque Accounts, with their convenient cheque books, are ideal for overseas residents who require easy access to their money. The accounts are available in Sterling or US Dollars and now, thanks to our latest account, in Deutsche Marks.

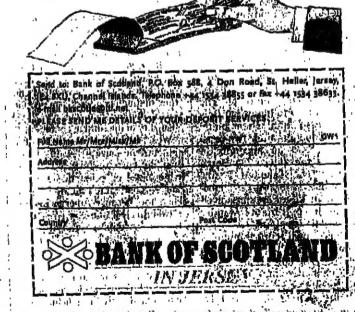
And because cheques are cleared through the appropriate UK, US or German cleaning house systems, collection charges often incurred when writing foreign currency cheques are avoided.

Interest rates are highly competitive, and being Jerseybased accounts, interest is paid gross, Statements are issued monthly as a matter of course.

Bank of Scotland in Jersey's Money Market Cheque Accounts are available to Individuals, businesses, clubs, charities, associations, trusts, pension funds and investment companies. Minimum initial deposits are £2,500, \$5,000 and DM7,500.

the same of the same of the property of the same of th

Don't miss this opportunity to make your money work harder. Return the coupon below for further details and an



The Sterling Money Market Cheque Account to provided by Bank of Scotland which is incorporated in Scotland with its head office at the Moisind, Edinburgh, EH: 1YZ. The US Dollar and Deutschie Market Cheque Accounts are provided by Bank of Scotland (Jersey) Limited. Copies of Both Bank of Scotland's and Bank of Scotland (Jersey) Limited's Issues published accounts are evaluable on request from P.O. Box 588. 4 Don Road, St. Hedler, Jersey, JE, BXU, Chernel Islands.

210

## **Voices of Black America**

COMING THROUGH THE FIRE Surviving Race and Place in America By C. Eric Lincoln

Duke University Press. 157pp. \$17.95 THE TROUBLE WITH FRIENDSHIP Why Americans Can't Think Straight About Race

By Benjamin DeMott Atlantic Monthly Press, 214pp. \$22

THE FUTURE OF THE RACE By Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Come! West Knopf. 196pp. \$21

VER SINCE Frederick Douglass stunned a white Fourth of July audience in 1852 by asking "What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence?", many blacks have felt torn between asserting an unbridled, American personal freedom and maintaining a distinctive racial solidarity. That struggle pro-ceeds in terms barely intelligible to most whites, who came here by personal choice, not through wholesale abduction, cultural dispossession. and confinement to a caste.

Lately, however, the tension between transracial dignity and racial loyalty, elucidated so vividly by Douglass and, later, W.E.B. Du Bois, has taken a new twist. The mainstreaming of black celebrities, artists, politicians and professionals - not to mention the "multiculturalizing" of the old, Anglo-conformist society by other nonwhites — has prompted new, complicated reflections such as those by the four writers under review. So has the loss, noted often in these books, of a coherent America, racist or otherwise. Once, blacks knew what they were up against, and thus a racist society's cohesion offered firm moral footholds, even as it threw up barriers.

Henry Louis Gates Jr. sounds uneasy beneath his urbane memoir of undergraduate struggles with black-ness at Yale. Cornel West sounds almost despairing beneath his typically windy invocations of "radical democracy." Benjamin DeMott seems trapped in the hair shirt some "old stock" white liberals donned long ago. Only C. Eric Lincoln, the grand old man of the four, vividly chronicling his experiences in the Alabama of the 1930s, throws out a luminous, gossamer thread of hope. Lincoln's Coming Through The Fire is a worthy sequel to James Baldwin's angry
The Fire Next Time. Time will tell whether the United States is worthy

of this beautiful book. Gates and West, both professors in the Harvard Afro-American Studies department that Gates chairs, collaborate in The Future Of The Race not so much to honor Du Bois as to "revaluate" him. Their jointly written introduction, their two separate essays, and an appendix in vhich Cates introduces Du Bois' 1903 essay "The Talented Tenth" and Du Bois's 1948 address elaborating on it, make for an unresolved effort whose contributors wander off in different directions.

Du Bols's own contribution is well known. He called for a black | that the best of the marginalized, elite - "the Talented Tenth" - to instruct, challenge and champion the race on its way to integration, even as he wondered, "Can I be both [an American and a Negro]? Or is it my duty to cease to be a Negro as soon as possible and to be | John Coltrane and Toni Morrison," on American?" His own answer to the question came in 1961 when.

after witnessing Jlm Crow's first defeats by the Civil Rights movement, he left the United States to spend his last days pursuing an elusive, quasi-Marxist, black-nationalist vision in Ghana. That pessimism and the parlous

condition of black leadership today

launch Gates on a mournful recollection of his and other black students' struggles with Du Bols's famous question at Yale in the early 1970s. The university was solicitous of their gropings and racial wagoncircling, but Gates notes that quite a few of his "Talented Tenth" circle have since dled of hypertension or violence at black hands. He doesn't blame racism as much as the flight of those he knew from Yale's opportunities into a defensive blackness. But, unlike them, he says, he couldn't "allow blackness to rob me of what I wistfully and portentously called 'my humanity' . . . Only sometimes do I feel guilty that I was among the lucky ones" at Yale, he concludes, "and only sometimes do

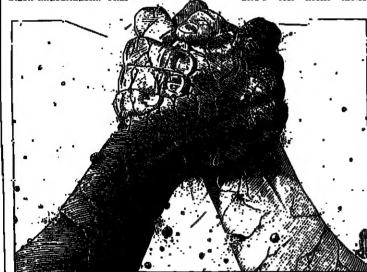
ask myself why." The real answer seems to be that he has chosen humanism over racialism — a commitment he has expressed by condemning

absurd, though perhaps not as prophetic as West would have us believe. While West may not be entirely wrong about Du Bois. he is certainly unclear about how black cultural genius or his notions of radical democracy can redeem us.

It is also, at least partly, a bad rap on the many white moralists who, in person and in spirit, nourished the early experiences and later reflections of many blacks besides Du Bois. But this moralism had its censorious, condescending underside, and Benjamin DeMott, an "old stock" New Englander, is so tortured a bearer of Puritan guilt and its explatory impulses that I can't imagine many blacks basking in his DeMott warns, usefully, that main-

stream America tries to wish Its racism away in tokenism and the amiable banter of black and white TV anchors. But he's so intent on portraying blacks as prisoners of caste that he ends up reinforcing the negative stereotypes that even some

He protests the "homicidal neglect" conviction of a black welfare mother whose children burned to death when she left them alone. She'd left them alone



is also an answer to Du Bois's question about whether one must shed black solidarity, at least sometimes, n order to be an American.

Cornel West's answer is delivered, not in a memoir, but in what he calls a "prophetic" manifesto. He hinks there is no point in being American in the sense Du Bois understood it, for that America is failing, and Du Bois was part of the reason for its failure. Du Bois, West tells us, was too bound up in Enghtenment rationalism, too strategically Victorian, too patriarchal and elitist, and too distant from grass-roots black culture to comprehend "the distinctive black tragicomic sense" and to "confront the sheer absurdity of the human condition."

West thinks that Du Bois's "En-"the cure for levill was know ledge based on scientific investigation" - condemned him to despair. Then, too, because America itself is a "twilight civilization," as West calls t, we must embrace radical, spiritual democratic action. He believes but vital, black culture can show us the way, the more so if Du Bois's "Talented Tenth" avoids becoming "intoxicated with the felicities of a parvenu bourgeols experience" and embraces the tragicomic "spirit of

often, but DeMott is troubled that both her (black) prosecutor and (white) defense attorney accepted he premise of any criminal trial that the defendant should be judged by her choices, such as whether she'd secured adequate adult super-vision for her children. He blames society for her "bottom caste" behavior: "Black America includes millions of welfare mothers, the majority overwhelmed by their lives" and isolated from suburbs where "sprinklers glint on combed lawna" and people "thumbtack prized baby-sitter phone lists to their kitchen bulletin boarda."

Has DeMott ever spent a week in poor neighborhood? To suspend udgment of this mother in defer ence to her "caste status" is to deny all black welfare mothers' capacity assume responsibility as parents. Perhaps DeMott thinks they also shouldn't serve on luries or yote. The entertainment world shouldn't laugh racism away, but neither should white social critics reinforce negative stereotypes while inassagng their own guilt.

Like DeMott, C. Eric Lincoln, professor emeritus at Duke University and a noted scholar of black religion, argues that "few of the changes we hoped for have been truly accomplished, even though the cosmetics of progress are ala "hope not hopeless but unhopeful." | ways being paraded before us with | ever C, Eric Lincoln |
This is indeed tragicomic and cynical reassurance." Like West, ciety, he says "we."

Lincoln finds that "Du Bois' search for identity was essentially personal intellectual exercise," diorced from ordinary blacks' struggles. But Lincoln's great, classic personal essay transcends race it self in ways the other authors clain they want to, and think we should. but don't. Unlike them, he makes his deep personal experience of racism the wellspring of a trans-

racial American vision. In the 1920s, when his mother was a domestic for "quality" whites in his native, Athens, Alabama, the tiny Lincoln played with the family's children and other white kids. He stepped forward with them in a realth clinic line, only to be grabbed and told, " 'All you niggers have to wait!" As I stood against the wall rubbing my arm," he recalls, "I soon came to realize that it was not my arm that was hurting, it was my soul. There was a sort of numbness, a *dead fee*ling. The pain was inside me, and I would never be able to rub it away." Yet he recounts this to show that

f one cannot rub it away, one may perhaps redeem its hurtful memory by keeping a canny sort of faith with former white playmates, who were as imprisoned by racism's fraudulent consensus as he was. "Race is a fantasy [italics his]. A chimera," he insists. "A stalking horse for power and privilege." Doesn't that make it indelible in those wounded in childhood? Yes, but Lincoln would oppose retreating into blackness as some of Gates's classmates did at a Yale that was open to them; he would also oppose black wagoncircling even in the teeth of racism

This takes some explaining, and Lincoln does it with a grounded eloquence that reopens our racial dialogue. Because only whites have power to exclude others from resources in America, "black racism will never be more than a voice of defiant impotence screaming out its frustrations." But not only is black racism "a notion with nowhere to go and no way to get there," he continues, "that is as it should be. Ouc kettle of putrefaction is enough . . . " Lincoln would shed even a re-

demptive blackness to mix with whites who disown both their own putative supremacy and counterproductive guilt. He calls for a society that is beyond race: "The supreme disloyalty is not to a bell lof racial solidarity] that has tolled itself into silence, but to the bell that has yet to ring . . . If transraclal marriage is here, and biracial children are here, can transracial adoptions be far be-

Lincoln is not ashamed to say this; he glories in it, defying the "risk in ignoring (racial) convention, in being out of step with the agents of panic and the gurus of political correctness. It is time now to is already far spent."

reach for the hand that is reaching for tomorrow, whatever color that hand may be. The evening of today Lincoln's own evening is breathtakingly beautiful. The Civil Rights movement has lost so much ground to agents of panic and gurus of correctness that Gates's response to | States, I've seen twentyso our situation is too elegiac and ironi- reduce governors of consequences cal, while West's is too windy and states to furning impotente ethereal. Unlike them, however, relish every second of it i make Lincoln, now approaching 80, doesn't need a career, doesn't need into his bag to share an elder's evergreen wisdom, a candor and compassion beyond color. His someonic would take place, The facilities to position himself. Instead, he dips assion beyond color. His answer to be adequate." Other cost

Paperbacks

Non-fiction

Nomads of the Dawn: The Penan of the Borneo Rain Forest, by Wade Davis, lan Mackenzle and Shane Kennet Pomegranate Artbooks, \$24.98)

LONG the Ubong River, in the A tropical rain forests of Sunns the northwestern province Malaysian Borneo, lies the tro tional homeland of the Peac These nomadic hunters have live in Sarawak's forests since time's memorial; now, as the chains: and bulldozers of logging open tions raze the forests, an anoig way of life faces extinction Sarawak's exports of unprocess timber have risen from 6.7 mB cubic meters in 1980 to 18.8 mile in 1990; the World Bank estime that logging is taking place at his times the sustainable rate. It book juxtaposes photographs dia Penan and the rain forest with fir person testimonials about Perl raditions and the anger and ago they feel about the destruction their home. "If they continue to tract timber from our forest," @ Along Sega, a Penan headman, k ives, will wither like leaves out rees, like fish without water."

Cavafy's Alexandria, by Edmund Keeley (Princeton University Press, \$15.95)

NOT LONG ago, Cavafy made unexpected appearance in: news when Maurice Tempelst read from the poem "Ithaka" Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's neral. Readers who want to ext Cavaty's work further might f this study of the poet and his dis-Alexandria, Egypt, "the myth-city that shaped his vision" - 212 ful companion. Writes Keeley." hope is that this book will now read in conjunction with Cass collected poems and so perhaps? as a guide for the uninitiated recduring the grand adventure in the covery, with its 'rare exchene that an unhurried journey thou the world of Cavafy's pos

Backward and Upward: The New Conservative Writing edited with an introduction in David Brooks (Vintage, \$13)

R USH LIMBAUGH the Fuel of conservatism? A former is

gan specchwriter who's man surfer? Nothing surprising in according to David Brooks (Green) vatives aren't the stick in the that liberals think they are, and this collection of essays, he gibi to prove it by bringing together amples of the witty, irresponding that, he characterizes the new count tives. Here is Christopher how musing on the follies of your ple with White House of Who's going to tell them no work for the president of the last one tell a government official significant foreign power, and ing the spectacular nincies Du Bols's question — black and/or American — is unequivocal: Whenever C, Eric Lincoln writes of our society, he says "we."

Du Bols's question — black and/or include Peggy Noongo, black and/or describe include Peggy Noongo, black and describe include Peggy Noongo, black an

GUARDIAN WEEKLY April 21 1996

# Le Monde

# Economic woes cast shadow over polls

Marie-Claude Decamps and Salvatore Aloïse

in Rome on why Italians are feeling gloomy in the run-up to general elections

D cliches die hard. Al-though the Italian tourist industry continues to attract foreign visitors by putting across a glossy image of la dolcs vita, the truth is very different. The average Italian male does not wear Todd's footwear or Marinella ties, or spend his time at the wheel of his Alfa Romeo calling up his girlfriend on a mobile phone to ask her to make a dish of Barilla pasta as adverused by Gérard Depardieu.

The gossip columns that focused on the former condottieri of the Italian economic miracle in the eighties have been replaced by reports on

the evil doings of moneylenders. Franco Cazzola, a political pundit.

says: The Italians are former nou-veaux riches who have got to come employment rates not as bad as to terms with the fact that their privileges are a thing of the past and they're going to have to lead normal lives again."

In the past three years, 700,000 jobs have been shed. As a result, there are 2.7 million unemployed. The jobless rate is 12.2 per cent, with peaks in the south of 30 per cent, and

even 56 per cent among the young.
While private enterprise is thriving, those entering the job market for the first time face an uphill struggle. It is hardly surprising, in a country burdened with debt and mounting social disparities, that moneylenders — known as strozzini (stranglers) — have been proliferating. Ten years ago, 80,000 familles had fallen into their clutches; the figure is now 600,000.

What has gone wrong? The Italians used to muddle through thanks to the flexibility of the system. Moonlighting, especially in the

they looked. Cushy retirement terms in the public sector produced a host of happy "baby-pensioners". some of them not yet 40. And then there was the disability scam, when million pensions were paid out even though only 4 million disabled

Guido Rey, an economics profes-sor, says: "The public sector ended up encouraging moonlighting, not only because of high tax pressure, but also because of its inefficiency, which caused strong growth in privately owned services to make up for that shortcoming."

were officially registered.

Then the system gradually began get out of kilter. The government's efforts to reduce the deficit and tighten the budget to conform with the Maastricht treaty criteria hit the taxpayer hard. Successive administrations set about reforming pensions and reducing medical and social spending to a minimum.

control, but still running far ahead of pay rises, anyone unlucky enough to fall ill for a long period is bound to drop below the poverty line; 2.5 million families are currently thought to fall into that category, and their number will rise to 3 million by 2000.

As a result, according to the sociologist Giampaolo Fabris, "Italy has become a country that is anxious about the future, where people have to content themselves with the status quo while at the same time scaling down their expectations."

Poverty has become a real threat even to the middle classes, and especially to self-employed workers, shopkeepers and craftsmen, all of them notorious tax evaders who now find their income tax bill has

The economist Sergio Ricossa regrets the flexibility of the old days: "Luckily there's no magic wand that can totally eliminate tax evasion -

things would be worse for Italy, Unemployment would rise and many small companies would go under. In the end, the taxman would lose out."

This kind of fiscal "revisionism s central to what has so far been a dull campaign for the elections on April 21. The watchword is: let's be nice to the self-employed (30 per cent of the working population) and to shopkeepers. The latter group or-ganised a spectacular "shuttersdown" day of protest two weeks ago.

But other taxpayers need not worry. There will be something for everybody. Gianfranco Fini, head of the National Alliance, has suggested that tax should no longer be deducted at source from salaries and pensions. The centre-right grouping has also suggested cutting income tax and reducing the number of different taxes from 100 to eight.

Caught on the hop, the left has tried to climb on the bandwagon. But it is moving cautiously: it has refrained from promising cuts within the next two years at least, preferring to propose a harmonisation and simplification of the tax system.

### Despite blips, France makes big China sale

Jean-Plerre Clero and Christopha Jakubyszyn

TO EFORE his four-day trip to France, which began on April 9, the Chinese prime minister, Li Peng, told a French television station: "Throughout the world, different countries have different conceptions of the human rights

By the time his visit was over, France had made a token stand over the human rights situation in China — and aigned contracts worth \$2 billion, including the firm purchase by China of 10 Airbus A320 aircraft and its intended order of 20 others. The day after the French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, had announced that he had handed his Chinese opposite number, Qian Qichen, a list of 20 political prisoners, Ll's apokesman told a press con-ference he had no knowledge of any such list: "Your information is incor-

ach list: "Your information is incorrect. In the past, when such lists have been handed to us, the people featuring on them did not exist."

This episode illustrated the difficulty of establishing the facts when dealing with the Chinese. Two days offer his arrival in Theorem 1. ther his arrival in France, Li said: "Up to now, my visit has gone well." Yet only the previous day there

had been a serious diplomatic inci-dent. To show his irritation at hoslunch and talks with the president. 'Li's spokesman said there was no tile comments in the French press fundamental clash of interests benetrations in Paris by tween our two countries", and exhuman rights protesters, the Chipressed satisfaction at the "very clear" atance on Taiwan adopted by nese prime minister not only arrived an hour and a half late for an France, which recognises the exisofficial dinner at the Quai d'Oresy, tence of only one China: It emerged but succeeded in persuading the that the French consulate in Can-French prime minister, Alain Juppé, ton, which China had closed down in January 1993 as a protest against France's sale of 60 Mirage 2,000 jets who was due to raise the human rights issue in a speech at the dinner, that there should be none of the to Taipel, was going to reopen. raditional toasts — and therefore no The spokesman said the two

specches — during the occasion.

The Chinese version of events was different. LPs spokesman claimed that "the atmosphere had been very good"; adding: "Negotistions over the contracts took longer countries were also going "to step up their consultations over the culrent Geneva talks almed at imple-menting a total nuclear test-ban treaty.

The joint venture for the con-

than expected, and the banquet, too, latruction of a 100-seater aircraft lasted a long time, so both sides came as a blow to the US manufaccame as a blow to the US manufacagreed that there would be no turer Boeing, which currently has about 80 per cent of the Chinese air-

Certainly relations were back to

craft market. The company's shares normal the day after the incident, when LI visited the Elysees Palace dipped by almost 2 per cent on Wall twice. On his first trip he witnessed When asked if Boeing was comalong with President Jacques Chirac, the signing of a letter of in-itent on the joint manufacture by China and the French-Italian-British pletely out of the race to build the aircraft. Li's spokesman would not commit himself: "Competition is very keen. It's a question of price consortium A1 (R) of a 100-seater and quality." regional" aircraft, Later, he had

There is a huge worldwide market the region of 2,500 planes by 2015, Ayyash's, says: "I assure and worth more than \$50 billion. China wants to have a 100-seater aircraft ready by 2001, so time is running short. If it were to choose the European option, "co-operation would start immediately", according to the terms of the agreement.

The European manufacturing consortium is prepared to hold only a minority stake in the joint venture and to allow the aircraft to be assembled in China. According to an expert, "discussions will now focus on the sharing of development costs and the scale of the technology transfer we are prepared to accept.

(April 12/13)

Patrice Claude in Gaza City

Palestinian police chief

knows what he wants

OLONEL Mohamed Dahalan. who was arrested 11 times by the Israelis before being deported to Jordan in 1987, is now, at the age of 34, one of the most powerful fig-ures in the Palestine Authority. In June 1994, Yasser Arafat appointed him head of the Gazan "preventive security services", a secret police of everal thousand officers that funcons rather like its Israeli counter-

part, Shin Beth. Last week the head of Shin Beth, retired admiral Ami Ayalon, visited Dahalan in the autonomous enclave. "He did so in the normal course of duty," Dahalan sald. "He had just been appointed and wanted to see how we could restore co-operation between our services, which is curently at a very low ebb."

Co-operation was badiy affected by the recent wave of suicide bombs n Israel; "Shin Beth made us scapegoats for their failure to foresee the four last bomb attacks. When they killed Yahya Ayyash on our territory in January, in violation of the accords, I warned them that reprisals by Hamas's armed wing

would be extremely violent."

Ayyash, the armed wing's bombmaker, was regarded by Israel as directly responsible for attacks that killed some 50 people in 1994-95. for this type of abort- and medium. Dahalan, who was then negotiating haul aircraft. It is thought to be in a truce with a close colleague of raelis that Ayyash was prepared to cease all military action. But they still killed him, for reasons that had more to do with public opinion than with security, and they suffered four bombs by way of reprisal."

The Israeli-Palestinian peace process has since broken down, the occupied and autonomous territories have been blockaded, and there has been a flerce crackdown on activists suspected of Islamlet sympa-thies. Shin Beth and the Israeli army have arrested 1,000 Palestini-

"If necessary we'll destroy Hamas's military structure totally," says Dahalan. "We'll seize all weapons in circulation and arrest the remaining dangerous activists. Then we'll be able to restart negotiations with Hamas's internal politi-

cal leaders." Dahalan, like most Palestinians. pelieves that orders for attacks on Israelis come not from the territories but from Jordan and Syria, now the home of several fundamentalist and other Palestinian leaders deported from their homeland many years ago, who have become more radical in exile. It is also in Amman and Damascus that "those within Hamas who control the secret or ganisation we have just uncovered are to be found", says Dahalan. He believes about 80 people in Gaza and as many again, if not more, in the West Bank belong to this ultra-

secret network. "We've arrested 70 of them," he says. "They make up the most dangerous 'network within Hamas. They have killed four Palestinian police officers and a member of the military wing who was in favour of halting the bombing campaign."

Dahalan does not let moral dilem mas get in his way. He has chosen between loyalty to his former fighting comrades and the solution he believes to be the best way for Palestinians to obtain an independent state. "My task is to ensure the nunuation of the peace process he says, "and that's what I'm doing."

"T don't trust Israeli governments but I know the Israelis well, and I'm convinced they have understood there's no alternative solution to an independent Palestinian state. Shimon Peres must be living in a dream world if he believes the problem can be solved through the Jordanian option, without a Palestinian state : Despite the war he has unleashed against us, we want him to win the coming election. For if the Israelis elect (the opposition Likud leader) ans, and almost as many are being held by the Palestinian police and security services.

Netsnyahr and his clique, we can security services.

(April 10) (April 10)



To an in sing awa sior Dut digt Che

you away vivin shrli stuff drive

rying Dubi Joe K "Jess a full,

daugh

expan critici:

both J

ıccide

cants stantly

ast wo

rom (

n a dr

y strc.

The architect Oscar Niemeyer, now 89, talks to **Dominic Dhombres** in Rio de Janeiro

SCAR NIEMEYER'S studio, on the top floor of an art deco building at the end of Copacabana beach, is reached by an antique lift and a final narrow flight of stairs. It is a huge, light-filled room that affords a view over the whole length of the celebrated beach and the nearby fort of Copacabana, A massive bronze plaque placed on a desk for all to see reads: "A tribute to Oscar Niemeyer from the French Communist Party."

Niemeyer receives visitors in a small windowless room stuffed with books. At 89, with the help of three assistants and a secretary, he is still a practising architect, "I come in at 9am and leave at 9pm. I have lunch here. Friends sometimes drop in for a chat. I've got projects in Brasilia, São Paulo and Portugal. I'm always busy. That's better at my age than worrying about how much time I've got left. I design everything myself, then send my models to my granddaughter, who has an architect's practice."

A few days ago Niemeyer took the wraps off his latest project, a conference centre for media professionals in the seaside town of Marica, 50km north of Rio. It consists of a curved residential building, an auditorium whose concrete roof soars skywards like the prow of a ship, and long ramps for pedestri-ans like those leading up to the gov-

**Artist with** 

of a model

an exhibition of work

by Suzanne Valadon

father unknown.

Philippe Dagen reviews

THE story of Suzanne Valadon is a complicated and edifying one. The early part of her life could have

been imagined by J K Huysmans,

her later years by François Mauriac.

In between there were many sur-

the eye

an architect.

The centre will be named after the sports journalist João Saldanha. "I'm very attached to the project, because Saldanha was a friend of mine. He was a member of the Cornmunist party like me. He fought very courageously against the mili-tary dictatorship in Brazil. He was a great journalist and a good man."

Niemeyer remains a communist, and does not agree with his friend, the writer Jorge Amado, when he is scathing about the time when they were both Stalinists. "I was a mem-ber of the Communist party for 46 years. When the party decided to follow the liberal trend of the times and changed its name [in the early eighties], I left it and we recreated a Brazilian Communist party.

"I can't see anything to criticise. When I think of the Soviet communists, I see 70 years of glory. They defeated the Nazis. When we were told communism was dead, I didn't believe a word of it. And look at what's happening now — the only organised party in Russia is the Communist party, and it's probably going to win the next election. There's talk of recreating the Soviet Union. It's unacceptable that such an important country should disappear. No, communism isn't dead."

Niemeyer is not afraid of being abelled a "dinosaur". He remains faithful to the ideals of his youth -"a fraternal Brazil, with neither rich nor poor, which would be completely different from what you see today, all this injustice, all this abject poverty, all this shit. I've always

ernment buildings in Brasilia, for been on the side of the poor, who which Niemeyer is best known as form the vast majority of people in

the world." Niemeyer's architectural credo has not changed either: architecture has to be the product of the imagination, and it must surprise. "When people come to see me before visiting Brasilia, I tell them: You may or may not like it, but you won't be able to claim you've ever seen any-thing like it before.' Le Corbusier used to explain that architecture was invention. That's how I see my work: creating something different, something new."

The building he remembers with

the greatest pleasure is one of his earliest, the church of St Francis at Pampulha, on the outskirts of the city of Belo Horizonte. Visitors are always taken aback by its glass façade and saddle-shaped roof.

IEMEYER designed it in 1943, when the mayor of Pampulha was Juscelino Kubitschek. The two men have remained close friends ever since. When Kubitschek became president and decided in 1956 to build a new capital city, Brasilia, on Brazil's bleak central plateau, he asked Niemeyer to design its principal government buildings — the Planalto palace, the houses of parlia-

ment and the foreign ministry.

After the 1964 military coup Niemeyer could no longer remain in Brazil. He worked in Israel, France, Algeria and Italy, "When I came to Paris, André Malraux, who was then culture minister, helped me a great deal. He made sure that when I went in for architectural competi-

tions I got treated just like French architects. I knew Sartre, who later visited Brasilia and told me how much he liked the supports [along the façade) of the Planalto palace."

Buildings designed by Niemeyer France include the headquarters of the French Communist party in Paris and the Maison de la Culture in Le Havre, Niemeyer loves Paris. The atmosphere is different. Here in Brazil you design a project and it's later changed without so much as a by-your-leave. In France architecture is more respected. When the Communist party hendquarters were completed, Jacques Duclos asked me if he could keep an old desk he was very lond of in his new office. You'd never get that kind of thing in Brazil."

Niemeyer has had his fair share of disappointments, however. His project for a tower block at La Défense in western Paris, whose structure would have been broken up by hanging gardens, never got beyond the blueprint stage as a result of lack of finance.

He designed Constantine university in Algeria, but was unable to build the mosque he had imagined projecting out to sea in Algiers - an idea that came to him in a flash during the night.

During the seventies Niemeyer gradually spent more and more time n Brazil. In Rio he designed skyscrapers and the Sambadrome, a remarkable succession of stands before which the samba schools parade during their annual carnival.

Despite his great age, Niemeyer is determined to keep on surprising people: "Heldegger wrote somewhere that reason was the enemy of imagination. My architecture is based on imagination, not theory."
(April 2)



prises and metamorphoses.

Broadly speaking, Valadon's life can be divided into five acts. The first act began on September 23, 1865, when Marie-Clémentine Valainterwar years, when Valadon enjoyed the fruits of her success, which was enhanced by Utrillo's circle: the painter is once again the don was born in central France. Her great popularity. Suzanne Valadon. mother was a cleaning woman, her

The second act saw Marie-Clementine (who had by then become Suzanne) working as a inquiry for the sociologist and even less, her painting loses virtually all ences - Courbet, Renoir and professional model for Puvis de Chavannes, Renoir, Jean-Jacques Henner and others during the 1880s. She gave birth to an illegitimate son, Maurice, and began to draw. In the third act, with Degas' help and advice, she exhibited her drawings and etchings. Maurice's Spanish father recognised his son,

whose surname became Utrillo. sexual organs. The fourth act opened in 1909 with Valadon marrying the painter André Utter, who was 20 years her junior, and who encouraged her to give up drawing in favour of painting. From then on, her reputation as an artist grew steadily with the sup-

port of galleries and collectors.

lied a famous woman on April 7,

Her life provides a rich vein of the psychoanalyst. The normal roles were reversed when Valadon the model turned into a painter. She was now in command of her models mostly teenagers of both sexes - a feature which lends her work. a strange affinity with Egon Schiele's. She got them to adopt poses that clearly exposed their

The main lesson she learnt from her years of modelling was that it was vital to hide nothing. Since she hated idealisation in any form and did not set out to appeal to the eye, she spared no ugly or deformed

Valadon's 1931 self-portrait shows

When Valadon steps beyond the confines of this unflattering objectivity, when she stops being ruth- ter of a century earlier. Other influts interest. Her landscapes display a banal form of Impressionism that is 50 years out of date. Her still lifes are particularly depressing because their composition and motifs invite unfavourable comparisons with

Chardin and Courbet. Fortunately there are the portraits and nudes, which she first drew, then painted. Their raw violence fully justifies the retrospective now on at the Fondation Pierre Gianadda in Martigny, Valadon's

first since 1967. The chief characteristic of her drawings of faces and nudes is the relentless precision of her singous black contours. A continuous out-The fifth and last act occupied the | an old and bare-breasted woman | line surrounds and separates the

When working in pencil or red

chalk. Valadon deliberately sets out to obtain, through suppression and simplification, something approaching a diagram. She uses this device with equal determination when depicting human anatomy or tubs and basins in the bathrooms where her nude women squat or sprawl.

Such subjects, settings and techniques are clear evidence of Degas' influence. When Valadon remains too faithful to her master, she lapses into pastiche. But when she keeps her distance, she forges an individual style that hinges on a simplicity of means. In some ways it foreshadows Neue Sachlichkelt and the work of Dix and Grosz in the

Valadon the painter is even more disconcerting. Her first attempts at the medium, which she made at the age of 44, are reminiscent of early works by Gauguin, Emile Bernard and Felix Vallotton a quarlater paintings.

But such derivative work is less arresting than the unappealing, stiff and awkward paintings that make no concessions to craftsmanship or prettiness and bristle; with clashing

Her Nu Allongé Sur Un Canapé Rouge is hardly a model of ele-'gance, but its very outrageousness and obsession with detail puts across the carnal presence of the sitter very atrongly.

Suzanne Valadon, Fondation Pierre Glanadda, Martigny, Switzerland. Until May, 27... (March 30)

GUARDIAN WEDU

Belmondo in Borsalino

## Belmondo's complaint

Jean-Michel Frodon

HE French actor Jean-Paul Be I mondo blew his top when he learnt that his 67th movie. Desires remake of Sacha Guitry's 1937 film of the same name), was going to k released in only six Paris cinems and a mere 20 in the whole of France. In newspaper and TV inter views he said he saw this as a sign of the ostracism of homegrow French films by exhibition circuis which were "completely under the thumb of the American file industry".

American movies do indeed or ner the lion's share of the French market, with 54 per cent of taking in 1995, as compared with the French einema's 35 per cent. Disas and Fox have stakes in Gammi and UGC respectively, the two man distribution circuits in Paris. Muliplexes tend to programme American movies or big-budget French productions, a category into which the independently produced Disir does not fall.

Complaints by independent about this state of affairs are as entirely supported by the facts French films like Beaumarchais Mon Homme and Les Mesteus were all recently released in plent of Paris cinenus (between 27 mi

In his last two movies, Belmond who has just celebrated his 63% birthday and 40 years of film acting seemed to have lost some of his box-office appeal. And the quality Désiré, which also stars Fant Ardant, Jean Yanne, Claude Rei and Béatrice Dalle, may also partill, explain the distributors' decision

Belmondo's anger was com pounded by the fact that Desire not scheduled to be released in 邮子 cinema on the Champs-Elysées, thoroughfare of symbolic tance to him (he once flew under the Arc de Triomphe).

There was a tiny consolation in Belmondo, though: the distribute of Désiré eventually relented and the leased it this week in 10, rather that six, Paris cinemas — including one on the Champs-Elysées. • (April 9)

# Le Monde

Directeur: Jean-Marie Colombi World copyright by Le Monde, Paris. All rights strictly reserved

THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT POSTS IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The School of Medicine with British Overseas Development Administration (ODA) support, s embarking on a scheme almed at:-

Introducing necessary changes in medical training programmes to make the latter more relevant to Zambia's health needs and to the aspirations of current National

Development of interdisciplinary coordination of teaching Development of improved teaching/learning skills, and Encouraging retention of Zambian staff in the School.

To foster rapid realisation of these objectives, twelve (12) development posts have been created (within the existing staff establishment framework), and are open to suitably

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants presently not members of the School must have the qualifications necessary for a reaching post in a department of the School of Medicine. Applicants must have the additional skills and attitudes required to perform the development tasks associated with the post of interest to him/her.

Expatriates will only be considered for the appointment to a development post if no suitable Zambians are available.

Academic members of the School on full-time conditions of service are eligible to apply.

#### Normally, two years with possible renewal subject to satisfactory performance. DIVELOPMENT POSTS

FACILITATORS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING (3)

(from the Basic Sciences) INTER-DISCIPLINARY TRAINING COORDINATOR (1)

INTER-DISCIPLINARY TRAINING LIAISON OFFICERS (2) (One post will be specifically concerned with pre-clinical disciplines and one with clinical disciplines including Community Medicine)

MEDICAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR (1) TEACHING RESOURCE UNIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

COORDINATOR FOR ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (1)

### **OUALIFICATIONS:**

MB ChB (or equivalent)

A higher degree (Masters or PhD Level)

Previous experience in any of the following would be an added advantage.

 Programme Management Developmental Work

iti) Medical Education

### REMUNERATION

The development post allowance will average £15,000 per annum, ranging from £12,000 to £18,000 depending on the post and responsibility and on the qualification and experience of the appointee. This remuneration is in addition to prevailing University salaries and fringe benefits.

The benefit will be paid in hard currency to non-Zambian appointees and in the Kwacha equivalent to Zambian employees.

The Benefit will be paid monthly in arrears and will be subject to the normal GRZ taxation.

### MODE OF APPLICATION:

For further details and official application for the posts, address all enquiries to: The Dean, University of Zambia, School of Medicine, P.O. Box 50110, Lusaka, Telephone (260 1) 250753; Fax: (260 1) 250753

All applications must be received by 15th May, 1996 for consideration.

## St CHRISTOPHER

A SCHOOL WITH A LONGTERM COMMITMENT TO OVERBEAS FAMILIES

At St Christopher School we have boarders from 8 to 18 from a wide range of cultural and national backgrounds. Our long experience helps us make a caring and supportive homelife for such boys and girls. Overseas parents are represented on our well established Parents' Committee.

The School has been fully co-educational, boarding and vagetarian since 1915. Our campus has the informal atmosphere of a friendly village, Younger boarders live in family style houses with Houseparents and with breakfast, tea and supper taken in the boarding house. 6th Formers have student rooms.

We aim at good work and high ideals with lots of fun in the process. A full and challenging curriculum leads to 16 GCSE and 19 A Level courses with equal emphasis on arts and science. There are exceptional facilities for art, music, drama, computing and adventure training. We encourage Entry considered at most levels from age 8 - 16

Tel: 01462 679301 Fex: 01462 481678 St Christopher School Letchworth, Herts 8G6 3JZ 1 mile from A1(M), 35 minutes from Kings Cross The School is an Educational Charity which alms to treat all children as Individuals and to develop their proper self-confic

For more details, contact Susan Mellor, Admissions Secretar

 $\mathbf{\Omega}$ 

Bookpost Ltd For all U.K. Books in Print

Any U.K. book in print sent anywhere worldwide

Full details from Alan Avery, Bookpost Ltd, Bleckthorn House, Middleton Rd Pickering, N Yorks, U.K. Tel/Fax/Ansa 01751 476863 (24 Hour)



### Country Director, Bosnia from £20000 pa

Feed the Children (Europe) is an international relie agency, taking aid to children in need. FTC[E] currently undertakes programmes in Bosnia, Albania Haiti, Rwanda, Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia.

A Country Director is needed with overall responsibility for our Bosnia programme. The brief includes management of staff and the administrative and support activities required to define and achieve programme objectives. The key objective is the continued development of the programme, including the introduction of new activities in the context of a dynamic and changing political and social context.

Candidates should have 7 years relevant field experience with NGOs in oversess positions and will have expertise in defining programme needs, priorities and strategies. Educated to post graduate level with strong assessment and analytical skills, excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities are crucial in the

To apply (only shortlisted candidates will be contacted please send your CV with covering letter, by April 29th, 1996 to James Davidson, Overseas Personnel Manager at:

> 82 Caversham Road RQ1 BAE Fax +44 [0]1734 581 230 email 100523.3025**6**compuserye.com

Feed the Children [Europe]

## **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

London

Save the Children is the UK's largest international voluntary development agency concerned with children's rights. It works to achieve lesting benefits for children within the communities in which they live, by influencing policy and practice, based on its experience in different parts of the world.

Changes are taking place in Save the Children Fund. We are putting in place our Global Programme Strategy which will transform the way we work. We will be enhancing our focus on children and children's rights and bringing increased co-ordination to our programme work across the UK and Overseas. This will enable us to work with children and speak out for the rights of children on line basis of enhanced and good quality practical experience.

Reorganising our Programme Department Into six regions, we are now appointing five (East Africa post has been filled) of the six key roles in international programme development. The UK and Europe

Latin America and Middle East West and Southern Africa

South Asia South-East Asia

You will have a key role as part of the senior team, accountable to the Director of Programmes, for shaping the strategic direction, formulating overall policy and ensuring we learn from our own experiences. You will also have the vital challenge of providing the overall strategic management and guidance to the regional programme activities, ensuring they are in line with the Global Programme Strategy and corporate priorities and objectives.

You will require extensive experience of staff management, strategic management and planning, financial management and control and influencing the external environment to ensure we effectively enhance programme management at this senior evel in SCF and to build a stronger management culture.

The Regional Director of UK and Europe will need substantial strategic nanagament experience of development work within the UK/European Union and Eastern European countries. All others require substantial direct strategic management experience of overseas development work.

Most importantly, you'll share our vision and total commitment to manage the hanges that lie shead of us as an international agency. You will be based at London Headquarters (Vauxhall) and for 3 months of the

For a job specification and an application form, please write to Jackle Denton. arsonnel Department SCF, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD, or fax to 0171 703 2278. Please state if you wish to apply for the Overseas and/or UK/Europe Regional

Director positions. Closing date: 14th May 1996. SCF aims to be an equal opportunities employer.

# Save the Children

OCKENDEN VENTURE



ESP (Business) courses The English Language Ctr, Standbrook Hs, Suite Sc, 2-5 Old Bond Street, London W1X 3TB OVERSEAS PROJECT MANAGER, ASIA Based in Woking, Surrey Salary c£18,000 - £20,000 p.a.

The Ockenden Venturo runs a variety of projects worldwide supporting refugees and dispinced people, their host communities and returning refugees. The programme is currently managed by one person but it is now intended that the position be split geographically between Africa and Asia. The Overseas Projects Manager, Asia, will have administrative and managerial responsibility for a major programme in Pakistan/Aighantsian plus on-going work in India and Vietnam. Programme development will form an important part of the workload and will cover initially fran and Cambodia. The successful candidate will have at least two years work experience with an NGO in the region, preferably with specific experience of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and a minimum of two years experience as an NGO desk officer including work with statutory funding sources. Proven financial, management and analytical skills are required. The post holder must be able to travel overseas for up to 12 weeks a year.

For a fall description and further details please contact Mrs Pat Moseley, Personnel, The Ookenden Venture, Constitution Hill, Woking, Surrey, GU22 70U. Tel: +44 (0) 1483 77012 Fax: +44 (0) 1483 750774

Closing data for applications: 3rd May 1996

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR The international Human Rights Law Group is seeking a new

Program Director to administer its Rule of Law and civil society programs in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Extensive experience; significant management experience; field experience in human rights and/or development projects; strong writing skills; experience with program design and fund-raking. French fluency and knowledge of civil code legal avstems desirable. Extensive travel required. Salary range: \$58,000 to \$65,000. The search for this position has been re-opened. Previous applicants need not apply. Contact Search Committee, IHRLG, 1601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20009.

To place your advertisement

Tel +44 (0) 161 834 8686 Fax +44 (0) 161 839 4436 The Guardian Weekly, 164 Deansgate, Manchester M60 2RR England



expi critic

both

an ai

rccit

**pant**i

itanf ast

rom

nac

y st

For further details of any of the above staff vacancies please contact the Appointments Department, ACU, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF, UK (Internat, tel. 44 171 813 3024 [24 hour answerphone]; fax +44 171 813 3055; e-mail: appls@acu.ac.uk), quoting reference number of post(s). Details will be eent by airmail/lirat class post. A sample copy of the publication Appointments in Commonwealth Universities, including subscription details, is available trem



LTS International Limited

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT IN INDONESIA

LTS International manages the Indonesia-UK Tropical Forest Management Programme on behalf of the Overseas Development Administration and the Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests. The programme which started in 1991 consists of five, linked projects which share the common goal of promoting the sustainable management of Indonesia's lowland forests in Surnatra and Kalimanian. The current phase of the project is due to be completed in June 1997.

Three posts are immediately available in social development, provincial forest management and research programme.

SENIOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY ADVISOR: To assist the Ministry of Forestry to develop its

capacity for incorporating social development issues into policy and planning. Qualifications: A degree in Social

Sciences and a relovant post-graduate qualification; at least 10 years international experience of social issues in

PROVINCIAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ADVISOR: To seelet and advise the Ministry of Forests on the

RESEARCH TEAM LEADER: to assist and giving the indonesian Government Research Apency (BPK)

the management of the research component of the program consisting of growth and yield data modelling, the

production of a tree flora manual and investigation into the environmental impact of logging, supervise the work of

the specialist in growth and yield data analysis and help establish a research programme which BPK will be able to

Tel: 0131 (Int +44 131) 440 5500

Face 0131 (Int +44 131) 440 5501

manage on completion of the ITI MP. Qualifications: A degree in natural resources with a relevant post graduate

establishment and development of sustainable forest utilisation units in Central Kalimantan. Qualifications: A

degree in Forestry; considerable experience of tropical forestry, concession management and logging.

qualification. Proven experience of management of a forestry research programme.

til candidates should have a good knowledge of development project cycle manager lemonatrate good oral and written communication stills.

forest management in developing countries, preferably Indonesia,

For further details and application forms please contact:

LTS International Limited

Nr Edinburgh EH26 OPH

Pentianda Science Park

Bush Loan



in the second half of 1996, CARE Australia will be appointing a new National Director.

The current Chief Executive, Tony Eggleton (formerly Secretary-General of CARE international), returned from Brussels in 1995 specifically to take charge of, and consolidate, CARE Australia. With the restructuring phase now near completion, Mr, Eggleton wishes to hand over to a new, permanent National Director by the end of this year.

CARE Australia is fully operational and is one of Australia's foremost developmental and emergency response agencies, providing humanitarian assistance to many parts of the world. With its Head Office in Canberra, CARE Australia operates in Asia, the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and former Yugoslavia, CARE Australia is a member of the CARE International confederation, the world's biggest emergency relief and development

Applicants for the National Director's position should have the experience, skills and commitment to manage and lead a dynamic operational, aid and relief organisation. Salary and conditions will be commensurate with the seniority of the position and the experience of the

Applications (marked confidential) should be lodged with the National Director at CARE Australia, GPO Box 2014, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 2601 by Friday 24 May.

The successful candidate will work alongside Mr Eggleton for a limited transitional period prior to the end of 1996, after which Mr. Eggleton will be joining the Board of CARE Australia.





### Computer Advisor

International infrastructure

Based in Oxford

£17,496 - £20,323 per annum Contract - 3 years

Oxfam plans to accelerate the development of its' electronic communications and email systems to support the international programme. Email is currently in use in 37 of our International offices (approx 55%). Users range from computer-shy to sophisticated; hardware from antique to modern, Using X.25 & internet services, within the constraints of avallable telecommunications resources, we plan to make available locally sustainable and robust communications systems. We are looking for an energetic, committed IT

professional with significant experience. On the basis of significant experience of local and wide area networks as well as electronic communications with remote sites using dialup and Internet technologies.

Candidates will be able to: specify, install, maintain and train on network components and software diagnose and remedy technical problems support and train non-technical users in

Experience of working in non-European and non-OECD countries and/or the NGO sector and knowledge of a foreign language would be an advantage. Oxforn perticularly welcome applications from

disabled people. For further details and an applica please send a large SAE to:

international Human Resources, OXFAM, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DZ quoting ref number: OS/II/CA/IST/GW. Closing date 17 May

Deferre UK and Ireland is a marriper of Oxform Internations Oxfam works with poor people in their struggle against hunger, diseases, exploitation and poverty in Africe, Asts, Latin America and the Middle East through relief,



Oxfam UK/Ireland is striving to be an equal opportunity employ

University of Durham

DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES Language Instructor in Japanese

Available from 1 October 1996, for one year initially, with the should be native speakers of Japanese with experience of teaching a foreign language (preferably Japanese to non-native speakers). Applicants should be prepared to participate fully in the on-going opment of a competency-based language curriculum. The additional ability to teach Korean language. Japanese literature, o Classical Japanese will all be considered adva Informal enquiries may be made to Dr WT McChure,

Department of East Aslau Studies, (tel: 0191 374 3246 e-mail: w.t.mcclure@durham.ac.uk). Salary (under review) will be £14,317 - £15,986 per annum.

Investing in Excellence in Teaching and Research

Closing date: 20 May 1996. Further details and an application form may be obtained from the Director of Personnel, University of Durbam, Old Shire Hall, Durham DH1 3HP (tel: 0191 374 7258, fem. 0191 374 7253 or e-mail: Acad:Recruit@ Please quote reference number A567

Advertisements It is a condition of acceptant

activatisament orders that the property of This Guardian Wealty do 90 gueranies the insertion of any pariotic adventisament on a specified disk. all, attrough every effort will be until meet the wishes of advantages, bill

they do not accept liability for any lost damage caused by an error. also receive the right to clearly screen any advertisement, acts or delate Honabla wording or reject t

Although every achierteement is con-chacked; occasionally ristiaks of occur. We inspetions ask achieves to occur. We inerefore and schedule assist us by checking advertisements ceretally and adverte immediately should an earr occur. We regret that we cannot acre responsibility for more than (IIII INCOPRECT insartion and filet a republication will be granted in the set of typographical or minor changle with do not reflect the value of the

The Guardier!

It is 10 years since Chernobyl, the world's worst environmental disaster. A 40-year-old Irishwoman has raised more money for its victims than the entire United Nations. Adi Roche talks to Maggle O'Kane

# To Russia with love

vate plane on Christmas Eve last year when an airport official came running across the tarmac. There was an urgent call for him. The woman on the other end of the phone was very insistent he should come back into the terminus and take it — she said it was an emergency. The woman on the phone asked the millionaire if he remembered her from a conference in Barcelona. "You told me you had a plane and you could fly it. There are three children near Chernobyl that have to be airlifted for emergency perations on tumours. If you don't do it, they'll die."

The millionaire cancelled Christmas and one of the children Adi Roche saved is now having his nappy changed in front of the fire in her Cork home. Alexei is a perfect 0-month-old boy - except for a hole the size of a golf ball where his eye should have been and where a giant malignant tumour grew instead. And the little mark where the finger growing from his chin was

Adi Roche has raised \$9 million for the victims of Chernobyl more than the entire United Nations, which has managed just \$1.5 million, despite an appeal to all the governments of the world. Her latest venture is a \$3 million convoy which set off from Dublin this week for the city of Minsk to mark the 10th anniversary of the world's worst environmental disaster. It is thought to be the biggest aid convoy to cross Europe and includes 34 ambulances: Roche will be at the

This summer. 900 children from Chernobyl will arrive in Ireland for a two-week holiday, thanks to the Chernobyl Children's Project, which Roche started. After that, she

N ICEIANDIC millionaire tional Court of Justice in the Hague in order to establish the principle that people classed as environmental refugees should have the right to seek medical treatment outside their own country.

An award-winning documentary she produced, called Black Wind White Land: Living With Chernobyl, has sold in 30 countries. bringing Chernobyl and its victims to public attention again and again. She has written a book, Children Of Chernobyl (HarperCollins,

£7.99), and a follow-up TV programme, which focuses on the wider impact of the nuclear disaster on previously ignored areas of western Russia

Roche, aged 40, was one of a generation of Irish convent girls, raised by nuns who urged them to collect money for the black babies and pray for souls in purgatory. She inherited her social conscience: her greatgrandfather lost all his land for voting for a Catholic magistrate; her great-grandmother set up soup kitchens during the potato famine in 1845-55, when a million Irish people died; her father made her help with meals-on-wheels for the eklerly in her home town of Cloninel.

In the mid-eighties, Roche had a good job in marketing with Aer Lingus, was — and still is — happily married to music teacher Seán Dunne, and lived in a semi-detached house in Cork, on a street with nouses that were filled first with carpets, then with three-piece suites for the front room, then with babies,

Not Adi Roche's house. She was already on another track. On March 27, 1979, her brother's family were vacuated from Three Mile Island after a nuclear accident at the reactor. At around the same time, someone whispered about a plan for a nuclear power station in Ireland at Carnsore Point, Co Wexford, and nice Adl Roche with her smart air-



the world if you change yourself and what you do'

ines suit went to an anti-nuclear rally and listened to the founder of the Green Party, Petra Kelly, "She ouched a chord in my soul."

Adi Roche seems strangely out of place in the modern world, with her talk of justice, honour and hope, "I am an ordinary person," she says, "I didn't go to university, train for this iob. I suppose I believe you can change the world if you want to change yourself and what you do. I want to know why something has happened and how to stop it hap-

pening again." She has spent the past five years going in and out of one of the world's most poisoned patches of land — Chernobyl's Death Valley to bring aid supplies and organise the evacuation of children for twothat 2 million children live in that | events of April 26, 1986.

contaminated zone - an area the size of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In a four-year study of

the effects on children, Unicef noted a 38 per cent increase in the numbers with malignant tumours. bone disorders and blood circulation illnesses. Birth rates have fallen by 50 per cent because of fears of birth defects. Adi Roche is like a clam. She

latches on and sucks every molecule of attention. Vodka-drinking, occasional ultra-low tar cigarette smoking, Roche, who sings in a band called Bubbles, runs the Chernobyl Children's Project from the third floor of her Cork home. It is here that Irish children send their sweet money, their Holy Communion money and their confirmation week breaks with Irish families. A money, to help those other children 1995 report to the UN estimates | whose lives were blighted by the

### FEATURES 23

Having children of her own is. Roche says, no longer an option. "I've been into Death Valley six times now," she says - within a mile of the deadly reactor where the radiation will remain for an estimated 25,000 years. "I wouldn't risk having children because of the danger of deformities. I made the decision about that a long time ago." All her energies are devoted to the children of Chernobyl

Ireland, which is the largest aid donor in the western world per head of population, is right behind Adi Roche. All the political parties have tried to persuade her to stand for parliament but she has refused them all, preferring to exploit her contacts with each.

She believes the Irish people's re sponse to disaster appeals has something to do with the national psyche. "I feel it goes right back to the famine. People respond to crisis; they always give more than any other Western country because it touches something in our own history and because we remember being helped by people like the American Indians who heard through the Quakers who worked with them that we were starving, and sent aid."

There are bad times for Roche, of course — during these, she escapes along the three-mile road to Rathcooney graveyard outside Cork City, sometimes chalking the problem on the soles of her shoes and "walking it all off". But there are also good times, special moments like when the first 100 children who needed medical attention were flown into Cork airport and the door of the plane opened to the ground staff singing them off.

Alexei, the child she persuaded he Icelandic millionaire to airlift out, spent the first few months of his short life watching from his good right eye as a giant membrane the size of an orange swelled in front of his face and slithered towards his brain. Following an operation, his chances are now good. Roche's sister. Helen, has begun the process of adopting him.

Chemobyl Children's Project. Sidneyville, Bellevue Park. St Luke's, Cork City, Republic of Ireland, tel 00 353 215 06411

### CLASSIFIED



CAR HIRE

NAVER HIRE A GAR UNTI YOU HAVE CHECKED KENDALL'S PRICES
200 Fine Care, Vens, Esteles
7, 12 & 16 Seaters for Hire.
Alport Colection. KENDALL CARE

Fee: +44 1483 34781

FROM £63

ONDON HOTELS & APARTMENTS



Special Winter Rates Revember: April from £47,pin.
CHALFORY (KENSINGTON) LTD:
CHALFORY (KENSINGTON) LTD:
Tele (3) 171 228 5571 / 229 3065 Faut (0) 171 727 7032
Tele (3) 171 228 5571 / 229 3065 Faut (0) 171 727 7032 N:W# 4DF ENGLAND

LONDON TOURIST FLATS (Wimbledon) 5 mins. station, self-contained, July equipped, \$150,0320Aweek, departing on size and season, 2 weeks mining. 17 St. Mary's Road, London SW19 782 Tet +44 181 947 0573 Fer: +44 181 946 8786

18 mins, Liverpool of Chester (State which brooking required)



+44 1256 843035 44 1256 24448 Qupie (et GDWK90

To place your advertisement Tel: +44(0) 161 834 8686 Fau:+44(0) 161 839 4436

A Company of the Comp

CAR RENTAL r rates are inclusive of VAT, CDW, ilimited Mileage and full AA mem-alup and meet and greet service at CINQUECENTO 84.00 12.00 FIESTA/CORSA 98.00 14.00 MICRA/UNO: 112.00 ESCORT/ASTRA-20.00 RANGE ROVERS 525,00 75,00 THE VILLAGE GARAGE, HIGH STREET, DORMANSLAND, SUR-REY, RII7 OPY

TELEPHONE-11 44 1342 833938 FAX: 00 11 1842 833211 NEW CARS: OLD PRICES HEATHROW/GATWICK Personal meet & greet service
Discounts for
expats & diplomats
Ualimited mileage,
Full 24 in AA RAC cover Visu/Access accepted
Visu/Access accepted
Contact its for fully lactualive rate
68 Menddyn Goldsfinitig, Survey
GU7 SHT UK

Tel +44 1483 860046 Fax +44 1483 860187

PAMBER CAR HIRE U.K. PHONE: 444 (0) 1734 432412 OBBLLY, READING, RG5 3DB, FAX:+44 (0) 1734 696 A FORD PLESTA 2 90 F FORD SIERRA 1.8 ESTATE 2125 PORD ESCORT 1.4 ROVER 214 £105 G FORD MONDEO 1.8/2,0 LX PEUGEOT 405 1.8 QR £150 (OR SHELAR) 2 30 J VOLVO ESTATE D ROVER 416 & 216 2265 E FORD MONDEO 1.6 E130 K ROVER 820 au £210 S ROVER 220 DOUPS Descourse for long term, one seats and prosters available. Free Delivery, to London Aber on Mines often one week. Film had gover, all nates plus fat, organit gard accourts. Theisty FROM ESS PER WEEK III LOW, LOW PRICES III GREAT SERVICE FROM A WORLDWIDE

COMPANY M FILLY, INCLUSIVE RATES M WIDE RANGE OF ... VEHICLES . OVER 60 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE CALL, WRITE OR FAX TO OUR CENTRAL RESERVATIONS: TELEPHONE 01494 442 110 01494 474 732 THERETY CAR RESIDAN, THE OLD COUNTRIQUES HUSHESIDES INCAO HIGH WAY

ryi Du Joe "Je a fi

**5** 

exp: crit: both accii Jant: stan ast rom пa

## Settling down

S it the brown landscape, the leafless trees and the still munity. At first this showed itself in polite concern for the baby who had asthma. Then as he grew up it bedormant grass. Early morning sun shines down on the Puschkinias, tiny spring bulbs. Soon the 18 acres of hay that stretch out in front of the house will be blooming and I, watery eyed and sneezing, will be wishing for the carbon monoxide filled streets of the city.

It was 11 years ago when we packed up our stereo, records and books to move north to Tomsiake. We were only leaving temporarily; a short hiatus meant to establish us in our chosen professions. Then armed with obligatory work experience we could come back to continue our real lives in the city. But somehow our convictions were slowly and gently wooed away.

Local history is defined by one's family place on the geographical map. It is rich in anecdotes held together by a people sharing a common love for the land which gave them their livelihood.

During the summer of 1939 the Sudeten settlers started to arrive. These people, persecuted by Hitler because of their socialist values, were refugees of the Munich agreement. The British government under Chamberlain struck a deal with Hitler and gave them \$1,000 to come to Canada.

The establishment of these people was under the aupervision of the Canada Colonisation Association, a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The Peace river area of northern British Columbia was one of the areas set aside for them. A trust fund was established to feed, house and clothe them until they could eke out a living from farming. The Ranch, as it came to 23,628 acres. The Sudeten settlers were largely professionals and in a lyst for the Sudeten's integration land were winter lasts for the better part of eight months, proficiency in unaccustomed farming tasks must have been difficult to acquire.

Our place is on Krantz road. named, of course, after the family who live at the end. Living as we do 48km from the nearest metropolis, a town called Dawson Creek which colic life centres around the com-

A Country Diary

AUDI ARABIA: We were

long, narrow wadi east of Jizan.

Although the track led to a tiny

farm at the head of the wadi, we

were not going that far. We were

corner of Arabia. The roughness

The wadi was little wider than

the track, its steep, rocky sides

covered with green shrubs and

herbs, many of them in flower.

Such an idyllic spot was bound

to be full of birds and we saw a

wide variety including a flock of

erupted from a wild fig tree as

grey-green above and brilliant

yellow underneath, these birds

Despite their vivid colouring.

Bruce's green pigeons that

we passed.

of the track was no deterrent as

there to see the birds that

we expected to be richly

rewarded for our efforts.

trate from Africa to thu

O driving along a track in a

Mary Bird

came apparent that he was allergic to peanuts; his goody bag at the Christmas party was filled with an extra ration of lollipops to make up for the peanuts which had surreptitiously been removed.

Last winter, on the way back from a shopping trip the car slid on a patch of ice in the driveway and skidded into a snow bank. Since tow trucks are not easy to come by and expensive, I hoisted the groceries on to my shoulders and walked down to the house. When my husband got home I reasoned, our combined strengths would be enough to dislodge it. However, I was astonished half an hour later to see the car sitting in its usual spot next to the fence.

The mystery was solved three weeks later. Tom stopping by on his way to check on some cows, told us that he and his brother Elvin had come over the hill behind me. Spying the car in its difficult position they had simply got out and moved it. Then, requiring no thanks or con-firmation of their good deed, they continued on with their business.

LEVEN YEARS is more than a lifetime for my two children. The seven-year-old, who thinks that school wastes his time, took me to the barn to see the swing he had made out of rope, a piece of wood and baler twine. The twine was necessary, he said, in order to ensure the swing was strong enough to hold his weight. However, he cautioned me against trying it out.

The children attend the elementary school 10km away which currently has 64 students. If life is community-based, the achool is its be called, grew from 16,000 acres to hub. The Parents Association, started in 1948, provided the catawith the existing community. Today, parents raise money for the annual school picnic, grade seven farewell dinner and the Christmas concert. A hot lunch programme was started in 1976. The cooking is done by volunteer mothers and runs fron November to the spring break. Somehow the notion that "Small is has a population of 13,000, our bu- beautiful" does not seem like such a bad idea after all.

are completely invisible when

roosting in the densely leafy fig

trees. Later in the summer, as

the figs ripen, the pigeons eat

When we stopped the car we

saw a Jacobin cuckoo, a striking

was being roundly scolded by a

bulbul. As Jacobin cuckoos are

believed to be parasites in the

nests of bulbuls it was hardly

surprising the bird was upset.

Walking along and looking about, I realised that the hillside

above was alive with hyraxes.

These furry, rabbit-sized, tail-

less relatives of the elephant are

not uncommon in the mountain-

ous parts of Arabia but they are

extremely shy and hard to spot.

Suddenly, a ptercing shriek

stopped me in my tracks and

hyrax to be seen.

within seconds there was not a

stern Arabia. This or

black and white bird that is a

summer breeding visitor to

the fruit.



On the buses . . . coaches entering Florence are to be cut by 70 per cent — still leaving 150 a day in a city with a population smaller than Edinburgh's

### Florence asks culture vultures to book ahead

John Hooper

/ISITORS to Florence this summer will have to book in advance to see its art treasures, if the city council gets its way.

The plan forms part of a drastic programme being implemented by Florence's centre-left council to relieve pressure on one of the world's most congested tourist destinations.

On an average day in high season, Florence — with a population smaller than Edinburgh's — receives 50,000 visitors. Some 500 coaches jam into the city, most of them illegally parked. Last week councillors ordered a 70 per cent cut in the number of coaches entering the city's historic centre.

Guido Clemente, the councillor responsible for heritage, said that central government permission was needed for the reservations-only scheme because several galleries and museums — notably the Uffizi

- were owned and run by the state. I the "clean hands" anti-corruption But the go-ahead could be given by the end of the month.

Mr Clemente said he had been prompted to act by 450m queues snaking across the Piazza della Signoria from the Uffizi gallery. "By the time you get in there, you don't want to see anything any more," he said.
The Uffizi houses a collection

built up by the Medici rulers between the 16th and 18th centuries, which includes Bottleelli's Spring and Birth Of Venus and works by Leonardo da Vinci, Cimabue, Giotto and others. A car bomb three years ago,

which killed five people and injured 50, hit the Uffizi particularly hard, destroying three important 16th century paintings and damaging countless others. Although no one was ever charged with the crime, it was widely believed to be the work of elements in the Italian state unhappy with the progress made by

campaign.

Details of the proposed touris arrangements have yet to be settled. "For groups, at least, we should be able to have a booking for a particular day at a particular time," Mr Clemente said. Individuals' tickets would gran

right of entry at any time. But they would be bought on entering the city, not at the door. The scheme also envisages multi-

entry passes, giving tourists access to several galleries and museums "It won't climinate the problems, but it should improve matters," Mr Clemente said.

His plan highlights the problems faced by cities like Florence from the never-ending rise in "cultural tourists". The prosperity spread by the "tiger" economies of south-east Asia is one factor pushing up numbers, now that worldwide recession

Notes & Queries Joseph Harker

WHY IS it that lots of people used to be very leftwing when they were young and are now quite rightwing; but hardly anyone goes the other way?

DEOPLE take ideological stances out of either high-minded prin-ciple or materialistic self-interest The former rarely change; they merely sophisticate their views. The latter change when their circumstances do. In recent times most UK citizens have become more prosperous with age: their views become more conservative out of greed and fear. However, in the next decade or so, as more and more elderly people you will find more and more examples of right-to-left movement. -D Hartridge, Bristol

A S PEOPLE get older their stom-achs broaden and their minds narrow. - Kevin Buckley, Kingsley Green, Cheshire

WERE native Americans www smoke signals myth or fact? If fact, what range of information could they convey?

THE book Indian Sign Language by William Tomkins (Dover)

the American Indian in New York: Inasmuch as they almed to transmit secret knowledge, many of the signs were devised privately and to suit a particular purpose or the caprice of the transmitter. There were, however, certain more or less recognised abstract smoke signals. One puff meant 'Attention', two meant 'All's well'. Three puffs of smoke, or three fires in a row, signifles 'Danger', 'Trouble' or a call for help." — M Brooks, Pittsburgh, USA

WHERE is the oldest surviving manuscript copy of Plato's Ren know it is accurate?

↑ PART from papyrus fragments, the earliest surviving text of The Republic is a passage from Book 9 included with a compilation of heterodox Christian texts in 12 papyrus volumes. They were buried in a jar in the late 4th century in Egypt and discovered in 1945. The translation into Coptic is so inept that it was not recognised as the work of Plato until 1974. The volumes are now in the

Coptic Museum in Cairo. The oldest complete Greek text is a 9th century manuscript in the Bib. to The Guardian Weekly, 75 Faring liothèque Nationale in Paris. Apart I don Road, London EC1M 3HQ.

uses as its source the Museum of | from copying errors, textual varia tions are very few and none significantly alter the sense of what is said. - Tom Hennell, Manchester

WHICH is the worst line of poetry in English literature

NYVOTE goes to Canadian poet and politician Joseph Howe (1804-1873) who wrote in his long narrative poem "Arcadia" (1874): "The gay moose in jocund gambol springs." — Winnifred M Bogaaris, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada

## Any answers

WHEN was wine first put in bottles and corked and what is the earliest extant bottle of wine still undrunk? — Andy Richardson, Trinity College, Dublin

SIT true that Dick Turpin wa buried standing upright. If so, why? - Jas Bryan, Merseyside

Answers should be e-mailed to weekly@guardian.co.uk, faxed to 0171/44171-242-0985, or posted GUARDIAN WEEKLY April 21 1998

## Jungle fever

**Howard French** in Gabon asks why the

Ebola virus is surfacing in African rainforests

HE FOREST is so thick at the edge of Evela, a tiny Gabon settlement, that even the N'tem River, a sizeable Central African waterway, is obscured in the riotous greenery. Asked what lies beyond, a Fang villager shrugs and saya "nothing".

From time immemorial, the Fang one of the Bantu peoples who make up the bulk of Central Africa's population - have considered this area as the edge of the world. But the land beyond has always been home to small groups of Pygmies whose hunting-and-gathering livelihood has remained unchanged through the years. Until now.

The equatorial forest, inhabited by Gabon's Pygmies, is at the heart of Africa's last intact belt of rainforest. But now its 40,000 inhabitants are facing a change of pace far greater than anyone has yet grasped. A dozen kilometres away, con-

voys of lumber trucks are bringing material to French-led crews laying paved roads that will open up the area as never before. In the capital, Libreville, and the headquarters of European logging companies, plans are afoot for the forest's exploita-

At the same time, groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature and the World Bank are mounting efforts to inventory the huge catalogue of plant and animal species and identify areas for strict conservation on Gabon's last frontier for commercial forestry.

With its sparse population and dense canopy still intact, international environmental experts say that what happens to this jungle in Gabon will be an important bellwether for Africa's last major belt of relatively pristine rainforcest, an area | more difficult each year as the huntthat stretches from the continent's | ing parties multiply.

equatorial coast across Gabon and well into the Congo River basin in

An American environmentalist. Kathryn Simons, who is studying conservation efforts in Gabon, points to the money that is being spent in places like Brazil — to rescue already devastated forests.

"In Central Africa, where relatively little has been done so far." she says, "we have a unique opportunity to save a major tropical forest before it is destroyed." Although northern Gabon still

boasts some of Central Africa's densest remaining woodlands, such as the Minkébé forest, both experts and residents forecast an endangered future. Major logging companies and sawnills have not made it this far, but to the south and east of Evela small operators are already searching for Okoume, the tree species used for plywood. And wildcat gold miners, too, are felling trees, digging pits and dumping mercury and other highly toxic chemicals in the ground or in streams.

A two-week hike away from Evela, along ancient footpaths watched by tree leopards, live Pygmies who have never set eyes on Westerners. But they are now being drawn into the life of modern Africa and its cash economy.

Throughout Gabon, wild game i a delicacy. And in towns like nearby Minvoul, Pygmies wait for city folk or Bantu agriculturiats to hire their services as master hunters of the prized forest elephants.

Armed with shotguns and a few shells each, the hunters can spend weeks in a forest teeming with wildlife. The estimated 65,000 elephants are the most prized game in vast array of potential targets.

Pygmy hunters say their prizes include 10m boa constrictors, antelopes, gorillas, porcupines, boars and monkeys of all kinds. But although the variety is rich, the Pygmies' search for game becomes



Under threat . . . Gorillas are being felled by a mysterious affliction

"When we were young men, the hunt was done with arrows," says Omer Amaya, a 58-year-old hunter whose settlement is at the edge of Minvoul. "We could go out for eight or nine hours and come home with a big catch. Nowadays you must walk for at least three days before even seeing anything interesting."

For the hunters, the reason for this increasing acarcity is that their hunting has thinned game popula-tions. "Wherever the barrel of the gun beiches, the animals will try to avoid," said Hilarion Mikou. "After a time, the animals will come back."

For environmental experts, however, the picture is more complex. These forests are still primary forests in their structure, but already they are being exploited," says Marc Languy, a forest expert with the World Wide Fund for Nature. "We have noted a decrease of 80 per cent in chimpanzee populations. If it is true that they can rebound, this is a process that might take 15 or 20 years."

The recent outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus in Mayibout, an-

highlighted another possible consequence of forest encroachment. Last year the virus killed 20 people in Gabon and 244 in the Zairean town of Kikwit. Some experts warn that opening the forest, where unidentified animals could be harbouring the disease, could unleash another epidemic. The origins of the virus are not known, but it is presumed to have a natural host in the forest which infects primates.
Those who died had recently feasted on chimpanzee meat.

FEATURES 25

According to scientists at a major international conference in Kinshasa, Zaire, last month, environmental damage to previously pristine forest areas caused this major health threat.

"In Gabon, gold prospectors went deep into the forest, cut down trees and destroyed part of this environment. This gave rise to the emergence of the virus," says Jean-Jacques Muyembe, a Zairean, researching Ebola. Pygmy hunters, meanwhile, say they have recently come across increasing numbers of dead gorillas and chimpanzees felled by a mysterious affliction.

"We've never seen this before," says Mikou. "A big game animal that fears nothing is just dropping

Conservation groups are marshalling an effort to save Gabon's northern forests from the heavy logging taking place elsewhere in this country but tropical wood interests may have the upper hand already.

A Dutch concern known as Wijima has just secured rights to more than 1 million acres of the Minkebé forest. And Gabon's president, Omar Bongo, has roped off another 542,000 acres of virgin forest for logging, to the south of Minkébé.

This is the last place that good supplies of wood are left in the coun try," said Pierre Mezui M'Eyie, a government forest inspector based in the provincial capital of Oyem.

"Right now, no one seems to know what kind of wealth there is here, but once the first commercial permits are issued, you will see a flood of applications. Then it is only other Bantu outpost in the forest a matter of time before the Minkébé 200km south-east of Evela, has la destroyed."

### Chronicler of un-American activities

**OBITUARY** Richard Condon

BACK IN the late 1950s, Richard Condon's mid-life crisis took tangible form as three duodenal ulcers. At that time Condon, who has died aged 81, was a successful Hollywood publicist. His wife told him that either he did something else or he would chew up his entire intestinal tract. So, in 1958, his first novel, The Oldest Confession, was published. The film rights went within a The film, The Happy Thieves,

with Rita Hayworth and Rex Harriwas dreadful. By then it didn't matter. Condon's second novel, The Manchurian Candidate, published in 1959, imbued the writer with a cult status that persisted through his subsequent career

Condon produced 24 successful novels in the years that followed, including An Infinity Of Mirrors (1964), Mile High (1969), and Winter Kills (1974); but it was only in the early eightles, with the darkly funny mails novel Prizzi's Honour and movie with Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner and Anjelica Huston - that the Candidate's long shadow was lifted.



Condon: cult status

The Manchurian Candidate was a child of McCarthylam and the cold war. It dealt with Raymond Shaw, an American prisoner-of-war brainwashed in Korea, who returns to the United States primed for a political assassination. At the time Condon wrote it, the red-balting senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy, had just died and his legacy was an open wound on the American body less series of beautifully decorated

John Frankenheimer-directed film | Everybody is interested, they ap | sixtles. In 1979 Winter Kills, an | March 18, 1915; died April 9, 1996

with Laurence Harvey, Angela Lansbury and Frank Sinatra, it was, Condon observed later, the "sweetest translation" ever made between one of his books and the screen.

The Manchurlan Candidate, born of fifties' preoccupations, was refracted through the cusp into sixties' film images: witty, scaring, and, as it turned out with JFK's assassination in 1963, coldly prophetic. Where there had been a tortured Laurence Harvey on screen, there was Lee Harvey Oswald - "I'm just a patsy" — in Dallas. Apart from 18 months in Los

Angeles, Condon spent the first 42 | married Evelyn Hunt a "Powers Manhattan, It was a melting pot for Germans, Italians and the Irish. Its geographical situation paralleled Condon's development as a writer, an amused, acerbic realist watching the great powers of society at work, but from a distance.

The meeting point between polltics, crime and money was an abiding obsession. He saw the political spectacle of American life as an endpolitic and a presence in his mind.

By 1962, the novel had become a comes the Joe McCarthy barge.

A Talent For Loving in the mid-

plaud, and it slips out of sight downstream. Or you get the Iran-Contra barge, with everyone thrilled and litiliated, or the presidential election barge, and that is just wonderful." Condon, the son of a lawyer and a

Brooklyn woman, was the rich kid on the block. His adolescence coincided with both the New Deal and the corrupt politics of the Tanimany Hall Democrats. As a 15-yearold, he was paid to herd drunks out of Third Avenue saloons and into the polling booths. Two years later. he was going round the world as a waiter on a cruise line; jobs as a lift operator and hotel clerk followed.

By the late thirties, he was an advertising copywriter. In 1938 he at Disney followed by 20th Century | went the country followed. Fox. He worked, he said, for every studio apart from MGM and Warner. With his success as a writer, Con-

don and his family set off across the world. During the ensuing three decades they lived in Mexico, Switzerland, France and Ireland before settling in Dallas in 1980. Between The Manchurlan Candidate and Prizzi's Honour his record in the movies was mixed.

eminently plausible fantasis on the Kennedy assassination, became a film with Jeff Bridges as the president's brother, and Condon's friend, John Huston, as the murderous family patriarch. It ran into "distribution difficulties" and closed aimost as it opened.

The novels continued into the nineties, with The Final Addiction, featuring a character with some faint resemblances to Dan Quayle, in 1991, and Prizzi's Money in 1993.

Condon did not boast any specialist knowledge of the Mafia; anyone who was in American showbusiness, he believed, would make contacts of a sort. And then there was his experience of New Yorkers during his first four decades: they years of his life in his native New | Girl" model and through her he en- | were people who talked fast, moved tered the movie business as a public fast, thought in terms of sharp Heights, across the East River from cist. He spent more than five years angles, wasted fast, and where they

Times have changed since the days of his youth and Tammany Hall, he said recently. "The costuming is so much better. Today they are so much more - well, like beautiful hookers. As for me, I'm for home and mother and all those good qualities." He laughed. "I've just been disillusioned."

Nigel Fountain

Richard Condon, author, born

-43 40

cri bo:

311.

asi

ro; n a

**у**у 1

Goya depicted a terrifying vision of hell on earth. Adrian Searle reports from the Prado 250 years

after the artist's birth RANCISCO de Goya y Lucientes was the fiercest, most tender, most sarcastic and compassionate visual chronicler of his age, of the vexations of his country and of the temperament of his time. The 250th anniversary of the artist's birth on March 30, 1746, at Fuendetodos, near Saragossa, is currently being celebrated at the

Prado in Madrid until June 2. The exhibition of 170 paintings 128 of which come from the Prado's own collection, is neither the largest devoted to the artist's work nor the

Yet the show does contain some of Goya's finest works - Bartolome Sureda, with his red-lined top hat, his heavy-lidded, indolent eyes, his throat-throttling cravat; La Marquesa De Pontejos, with her flowers and satins, and her ugly dog; the nude and clothed Majas; The Collossus, striding the Pyrenees as though to protect Spain against Napoleon. Many will be familiar to regular visitors to the Prado.

Complaints about the arrangement of the works and the exhibition's design — which have been rife in the Spanish press — seem like nit-picking. There are omissions one misses sorely and there are also, perhaps, too many of the interminable number of cartoons for tapestries that Goya was obliged to produce, and frequently com-plained about, for the Royal Tapestry Factory.

But Goya is still Goya, even i these works, with their endless hunters and dogs and bucolic rustics. For all their depictions of flestas and picnics, games and amusements, these are not always entirely happy scenes - they are seen instead with an eye for the disturbed and uneasy. A girl's face glowing under the filtered afternoon light of her parasol; two cats snarling at one another on a ledge; indoleni smokers; a brawl outside an inn - in them all, Goya gives more than his royal patrons might hope or even wish for. So, too, with his royal portraits: Goya invests his subjects not only with regal pomp, but with pomposity, painting their hubris and their stupidity.



Man alone . . . Goya's The Execution Of The Defenders Of Madrid

and drew prostitutes and pimps, detion throughout the invasions and formed babies, madmen and glutrouts, and the constitutional revertons, a man in love with his own sals of the Peninsular wars during hernia, a bearded woman suckling which a quarter of a million her baby. He recorded bestial acts, Spaniards lost their lives. He portrayed the horrors of war and the including the beginnings of the Spanish war of Independence, in horrors in his own head. Sometimes 1808, when the citizens rose in rethe two became indistinguishable. volt against Napoleon's invasion. In In 1792 he fell ill, and was left deaf painting Execution Of The Defendfor the rest of his life. He wrote, in a ers Of Madrid, 3rd May 1808, Goya

can only distinguish luminous and by the French on the hill of Principe dark bodies, planes that come forward and planes that move away, re-He singled out one ordinary man liefs and concavities. My eye can facing the firing squad. Caught in a never perceive lines or details, and I never think of counting the hairs on shock of light, he raises his arms in dismay and terror. It is a gesture of a pedestrian's beard or the buttons on his cost. Such trifles never distract my attention. And my brush

OYA would seem to be the quintessential artist of his time, a painter of court pormust never see more or better than me." Goya saw, perhaps, too much, and expressed a desire to give vent time, a painter of court portraits and generals, beautiful to fantasy, to go beyond the conwomen, clerics, doctors, petulant straints of his commissioned works. children and their pets. Yet, in a re-Goya witnessed the cataclysms of his age and understood perfectly cent essay, the writer Rafael Argulol wrote that "Goya is the vortex of the contradictions within Spanish modern painting, right at the torsociety between enlightenment and

commemorated the mass shootings

superstition. Everything he painted nado's eve". In 1819 he bought the Quinta del or drew he depicted with a complete Sorda (the house of the deaf man), lack of sentimentality, and yet ust outside Madrid. Already in a everything he touched was full of feeling. He was a draughtsman and kind of internal exile of the soul, his etcher of prodigious folios, depicthead loud with tinnitus, Goya began The leading painter of the Spaning gross and absurd scenes of decorating the walls with 14 images ish court, Goya held on to his position human folly. He inked and etched painted only for himself, for his own

lelectation. He painted aspects of a kind of hell — a monstrous wildeyed Saturn eating his children (perhaps an image of Spain, devouring its progeny); two men beating each other with cudgels. He painted nocturnal processions, a witch's sabbath, a floating world of insanities and inane grimaces, "No one before him went so far in the field of grotesque reality," wrote Baude-laire. "All these misshapes, beastly faces and contorted evil grins are profoundly human . . . It is difficult to be precise on the point in which reality and fantasy become confounded. The border between them is drawn and crossed in such a way that it is impossible for us to discover it: the art it conceals is both

For Arguilol, Goya's hell is a hell not of images but of form, and formlessness. It is not the Images themselves that are terrifying, but their plasticity, their near-dissolution into othingness, blankness, the mud of

In 1823 he bequenthed his house b his grandson, and ended his days Bordeaux, where he had arrived in 1824 "deaf, old, clumsy and weak, without a word of French, and without a valet", according to a fellow exile. Goya died in 1828. The reverberations and tremors of his work

he greatest stress.

But it was Agache's Nabucco

that led the performance like a

Colossus, his flawless legato

## The legend of longevity

**Caroline Sullivan** 

ONCE a rock star bits 50, the ing guarantees sold-out gigs for the rest of his life. If he also produces descent record or two, that's a home No wonder 52-year-old Lou Reel who is both alive and making pretty

That said, those who made the Empire in west London ring with howls of "Lonool" weren't there be cause his current album, Set The Twilight Reeling, is "pretty good"; they were there to see a legend Reed is one of the only rock singers about whom that word can be used without hyperbole. Quite apart from forming the Velvet Underground, whose morbid minimalism inspire still, he had intimate knowledge of heroin and bisexuality when such things were shocking. Even now "Shaved his legs and then he was a she", from his transvestite ditty Walk On The Wild Side, must be one of the most subversive lines ever to make the Top 10.

we'll overlook.

"Loooo!" they called again, but b didn't fayour them with so much a a sneer as he rattled off Sweet Jane NYC Man and Dirty Boulevard ! there were an award for Best Ope 1 ing 10 Minutes, Reed would have walked it. His guitar-playing wa sparse and nasty, his band rocket and blue lights provided a while Velvety decadence. If you stood it the back, you could pretend Red was still the chilly doyen of lk. Manhattan demi-monde. It was 1 heady few minutes, during which

even his trousers made sense. Sadly, it was only to be repeated once, during the drug-addet favourite Waiting For The Ma "Hey, white boy, whatchs dai

middle-aged guys playing baroon rock and that about sums it in hard wasn't that Reed didn't care, in mother's in a cafe. Impeccably deal with a world she cannot easily that the songs, most taken from the learns that she his return to rock is a relief allest bushand, he offers her first money which to base a film. But Sautet knows exactly what he is doing, and then a lob Vers restauts of the many seem very little upon which to base a film. But Sautet knows exactly what he is doing, and

the end with Hookywooky, and Reed's many paeans to his girlfriend, performance artis singer, Laurie Anderson by With Your Parents, he was better form, sounding simultaneous

# The fluffy bunny as unwitting hero

good albums, excites such interest.

So Reed turned up tat the unconmonly early time of 8.45pm) and fulfilled the terms of his legend contract. That is, he sang in a uncompromising monotone, leg audience contact to a minimum and set his lip in a "Do you feel lucky. punk?" scowl. It was as it an ador were playing Lou Reed, yet he was j fascinating to behold. Even his contradictory appearance — unemiably fuzzy hair and aged face se atop a schoolboy's figure - were oddly starlike. The leather trouses

Choses de la Vie. With Nelly, he has refined it still

further. This is one of his quietest wonder if anything driven by the plot will disturb its steady progress. it is also one of his most resonant movies, devoid of Claude Chabrol's irony and wicked humour, but possessed of the same powers of

25 year-old woman who meets Michel Serrault's old friend of her mother's in a café. Impeccably album, what seems vibrant business and writing a book on his record is less so on stage. The plant allow experiences as a judge in the french colonies. She refuses the money but begins work anyway as his secretary.

Even Michel Lonsdale's cameo of the shabby Monsieur Dollabella, Vincent, a young editor from his bullishing house Gean-Hughes Angeliade), is attracted to her. Nothing has line the French insistence that beliamonad and the state of the sta trying to blackmall Arnaud by re-vealing the ruthlessness of his past

cue. "Which Daisy is, aren't yer?" He pulled her ear. "I don't drink. I don't smoke but if I've got a vice this is it. Love it. Love

She's just a smashing dog. Very good at what she was bred for." You could have threaded Dalsy through a needle and darned your socks with her. She had length without breadth like a piece of string and came to a point at both ends. The rabbit jinked wildly but

Daisy seemed able to bend in the middle. Her front half turned back while her back half was still going forward. The rabbit joined others hang-

grey'ound-Bedlington-grey'ound-collie. She's 25 per

cent of four dogs. Quarter, quar-

ter, quarter, quarter. Sit down!

ing limply over Tony's arm. He said "I've done daylight 'are coursing. Which I used to gamble a lot. I've raced grey'ounds. But this is It for me. The lamping is the real stuff, if you've got a good dog. A good friend." Daisy looked up at him on

t. My wife thinks I'm a complete lunatic." Tony and Daisy padded off in a pool of light.

Eileen Early, a comfy sort of woman, sat spinning her rabbits.
"What I'm spinning here is white angora rabbit. I've dyed it in my microwave and I'm mixing it with dog. The dog is a border collie that lives next door. I've spun camel, llama, dog. samoyed - well, that's dog, of course. Angora rabbit fur is so soft and warm it will soften up any other hair or give it

Apparently angora fur in your wellies is a great comfort in winter. Or, if you are a buck rabbit, tights stuffed with female angora fur. The rabbit's reputation is, Eileen admits, well merited.

"But," she said, "they're no worse than humans," and shook

Rabbits came over with the domans and must often wish they'd gone back with them. Bang, bang, bang bang goes the farmer's gun. Or, nowadays, poof. "D'you hear that poof in-

stead of a crack?" asked the

farmer. "We're using subsonic

unition with a softnose bullet and a silencer on the .22 rifle. You have a much better chance of taking out two or three rabbits instead of one." Gas is even quieter. The exterminators were a husband and wife team. He said, "I'm putting the tablet down the hole now . . . as soon as this is sealed up the

moisture will start working on the tablet, giving off a vapour, which will disperse its way down the burrows. "And put the rabbits to sleep," she said quickly. "And literally do no more than put the rabbits into a deep sleep," he agreed

and gave the hole a good whack with his spade.

Everyone who appeared was credited except the medical researcher, who must have felt he'd been brave enough. He has so many rabbits in steel cages, they narrowed in the distance like railway lines. Except for two in plastic boxes, slowly filling with smoke. He was studying asthma and allergies. "It is a growing problem that professional researchers like myself are afraid to do what I'm doing now because they may be a target for some animal rights

One rabbit's paws had stopped skidding on the plastic and its eyes were closing. "You can almost consider the rabbit an unwitting hero in this," he

Nicholas Southgate produced this refreshing documentary. You have to pat a lot of pets and eat a lot of rabbit pie to make a

# Mind the age gap

Nancy Banks-Smith

THE CHARM of a film about

rabbits is not necessarily the rabbits. It is probable that no one in An Obsession With . . .

Rabbita (BBC1) had been on

What we have here is driven

Such people have a shine which

is quite different to professional

Tony Gubbins and his lurcher

night. No, it's not called poach-

ing. Behave. It's called lamping

Daisy reminded me, oddly, of Two Ton Tessie O'Shea, who

used to sing: "There a little bit

here and a little bit there and it

all belongs to me." "This dog",

said Tony proudly, "is a

Dalsy, were out rabbiting by

snow, carrying only the fresh footprints of television virgins.

Derek Malcolm

ANY FILM which deals with the felishistic passion of an elderly gentleman for a NY FILM which deals with beautiful but vulnerable young woman has to tread carefully. But Claude Sautet's Nelly and Monsieur Arnaud is not Lolita. Nor is the film really about sex at all. The acareal it gets to that is when the kindly, impeccably dressed veteran sits beside the bed in which the obect of his desire lies asleep and, without touching her, makes as if to stroke her naked back. This is a film in which nothing, and everything, happens,

Sautet is an extraordinary direcr, whose command of style has nly been celebrated in Britain since Un Coeur En Hiver, but who has been a master of his particular kind of cinema since 1970's Les

xaminations of the French haute <sup>our</sup>geoisie, so you sometimes

Nelly (Epimanuelle Béart) is then a job. He's retired from

The extent of Arnaud's fascination with the young woman only comes into the open when he learns that

and material could muster.

rediscover the heady feelings of his

youth, the other as a solid presence

within a world she cannot easily

This may seem very little upon which to base a film. But Sautet

while skilfully suggesting that this

its English equivalent he quietly

gives us all the evidence we need of

the amouldering entotional under-

Dream on . . . Michel Serrault (M Arnand) gets close to Emmanuelle Béart (Nelly)

live with her new lover. She is as | is one of France's greatest character

hooked on the old man's affections actors has never been more evident. as he is on the thought of her. The West knows him best as the Sautet, with the aid of an extraorflouncing Albin in the three Cage dinary performance from Serrault Aux Folles movies. Here he inand a luminous one from Beart, creases his stature immeasurably. orchestrates the progress of this

Nelly And Monsieur Arnaud will obsessional relationship with the kind of precision that only a director not be a film for everybody. For some, it may seem slow and so even fully in command of both his style in pace that real drama seems to be carefully and deliberately avoided. He suggests, without underlining anything, that both participants need the comforting presence of But as a quiet, intimate dissection of the emotions it is hard to beat each other - the one in order to

N STIG BJORKMAN'S book In Allen, he asks the question: When you were growing up, was sex more or less a forbidden subject?" Allen replies, "Completely. It was not talked about. Nobody even

In Mighty Aphrodite, Allen's well-heeled world is as reticent as character Lenny has a certain amount of difficulty with the process, too. A middle aged, middleclass sportswriter, he conducts himself with propriety throughout, even when faced with so provocalive an encouragement as Mira Sorvino's Linda, a poin star and prostitute with the "stage" name of Judy Cum.

Ms' Cum turns out to be the mother of his adopted child, a threeyear-old genius, and because Lenny has been kind to her, she offers him

He may be married to Helena Bonham Carter's Amanda. Nevertheless, such an open-hearted piece of generosity is obviously tempting to your average New York nebbish. This one decides instead to match her with Kevin (Michael Rapaport). a slow-witted but pleasant young

Finally, when Kevin finds out about her past and Amanda, a suc-cessful art dealer, announces that she's moving out in order to find out whether she's in love with Peter Weller's Jerry, her rich backer, he allows himself a night's solace with

That's all there is to the plot, as slight as any he has given us in recent years. But the film is distinguished by Sorvino's Oscar-winning performance, Bonham Carter's suc-cessful transformation into a chainsmoking denizen of Manhattali and Allen's easy fluency in a part he seems to have played a good many

times before It is also made diverting by the introduction of a makked Greek chorus, led by F Murray Abraham. who turn their attention to Lenhy's problems. Unfortunately this device, hilarious to start with, is overused.

Lenhy's attempt to educate Linds out of her previous lifestyle could be seen as a mite patronising, but the whole film is pretty good value, and expertly made,

## **Outsiders** looking in

THEATRE **Michael Billington** 

//ARTIME Cairo has long been a magnet for social satirists. But Martin Sherman's Some Sunny Day at London's Hampstead

Theatre is more in the nature of an antic, slightly surreal, comedy about the possibility of tapping into one's real feelings while being an outsider in a foreign land. The setting is a cluttered Cairo flat, beautifufly evoked in William Dudley's design, in 1942. Sherman

less concerned with military tactics than with the bizarre and obsessive behaviour of a group of people at a moment of national panic and the possibility of self-discovery in a time of crisis. Horatio, who works in military

propaganda, has fallen for a bellydancer to the dismay of his wife. Emily, who casts voodoo spells over her. Meanwhile Alec, a stiff-upperlip young officer, finds himself torn between the desert war and his passion for Robin, a Kiwi journalist And the duchess, a European émigree, stakes everything on catching the midnight train to Palestine.

Sherman paints a vivid picture of a manic world, in which everyone is considered a potential spy. But his real point seems to be that, in this topsy-turvy society, people wake up to their true feelings. Just as Horatio is driven by erotic obsession to wife-murder, so Alec acknowledges his gayness and the duchess her guilt over the death of her fellowlewish lesbian lover.

At times the comedy becomes suggests that it is only in moments of extremity that people shed their protective exteriors and embrace their true identity.

It is a frenetic but engaging play and is acted to the hilt by an ace cast. Corin Redgrave as Horatio gives a remarkable display of sweating fixation and sexual possession, while Cheryl Campbell as his vengeful wife is a model of derangement.

Rupert Everett is also ethereally funny and believable as the prophetic journalist who, as he says at one point is more Gertrude than TR Lawrence; and Sara Kestelman lends the Jewish refugee the right gravitas.

## Verdi drowns out the philistines' boos

**OPERA** 

stu dri ryi; Du, Joe, "Je, a fu,

dau,

expa

critic

an av

accia`

**Bants** 

stanti

ast (

rom

ıy sti,

1

**Tom Sutcliffe** 

tor Tim Albery and designer Antony McDonald during curtain calls for Covent Garden's stunning première of Nabucco sadly obscured the magnificence of the performance. I was not a fan of the staging when it was unveiled in Cardiff last year: its bald, modern imagery does not evoke the epic sweep of the tracic biblical story of Babylonian captivity. But it does have the cardinal virtue of focusing on the typically Verdian relationships at he heart of the story (daughterfather, bad and good sisters,

contrasting leaders). It also makes the twists of the narrative believable on stage. That is no mean feat, for early Verdi creaks

letter to the Academy: "In nature,

But the knee-jerk impatience of philistine plutocrats in the nappropriate look to the show audience were getting up to

24-year-old Wladimir Jurowski clearly launched a major new operatic talent and the orchestra played magnificently for him.

stalls with what they felt to be an led them be mean-spirited to the singers and conductor. The stalls leave, when such gripping opera singing and acting should have

meant lots more calls, This was, in fact, a wonderfully exciting event. The debut here of

Heading the supporting cast was no less than Dennis O'Neill in fine voice as the Hebrew prince Ismaele in love with lovely Leah-Marian Jones), who

The central trio, however raised the show to a special neak. Nina Rautio, punchy and hard-hitting in a red wig, caught Abigaille's tricky character perfectly. Though some top notes were overblown she nanaged the coloratura with great dispatch. Her timbre's to the psychological reality.
All three principals fitted into

cco's daughter Fenena (the converts to Judaism.

warmth and ambivalence added

the Albery style with conviction.

Ramey as Zaccaria injected an

tional detail, his vocal power and use of the stage irresistibly commanding. The moment when he declares himself a god and demands worship, before immediately being struck with madness was riveting, and equally compelling was the dramatic scene where Abigaille challenges him

> Agache is that rare Verdion treasure, the true basso cantante, most humanly believable of all operatic voices. He has now reached full maturity as a vocal and theatrical performer.

about her slave status.

uptown?" Reed sang laconically or Fernando Saunders's sluggli bassline, a moment that will live of the next time anyone calls Oast ideal dignity into his larger than life singing, the dark tone never wavering in beauty even under As for the rest of it, picture for

singing moulded to every emowas downright boring.
The set regained ground town

form, sounding shows a superior of his adopter disgusted and asleep.

Reed hasn't lost the will like of sits if she's slept with him, she is futen porary Iggy Pop, he's slight she's slept with him, she is futen and says she has. Soon enough, it loads on his own terms last starts. But she refuses to the merest look or gesture why he her services free.

The Red Notebook, by Paul Auster (Faber, £7.99)

ISCELLANEOUS jottings which show that Auster's world is definitely Austerian: a place of bizarre co-incidences, people mak-ing fortuitously whimsical lifechanging decisions, and even, in a freakish footnote to the way his New York Trilogy begins, a wrongnumber incident where the caller asks Auster if he could speak to one of his (Auster's) fictional characters.

Behind Closed Doors, by Alina Reyes, trans David Watson (Phoenix, £5.99)

ERE WE are: interactive fic-tion. Even better: dirty interactive fiction. The book can be read from either end, depending on which gender you want your narrator to be; each episode of poking or sucking or God knows what ends with an instruction to go to one chapter ("door") or another. And more of the same, although this is very definitely Art, and some of it is actually quite disturbing. But whether we are at the birth of a brave new art form is a moot point.

Multilingualism, by John Edwards (Penguin, £7.99)

**HERE ARE** about 200 countries in the world, and 5,000 or so languages which have to be squeezed into them all. This is the kind of fact which largely monoglot Brits tend to be uncomfortable with: that all over the world there are people who rub along with four or five languages at once. Fascinating stuff. Shed a tear for Oubykh, with, in 1985, one solitary speaker: 82 consonants in his language, and three

The Blue Suit, by Richard Rayner (Picador, £5.99)

A NEW genre has sprung up: the young man's autobiography written before said young man has achieved anything. It can be better than writing novels, though, and Rayner, in any case, has been fic-Others have impugned his veracity, and suggested he would otherwise be in the nick by now. I side with his mother: "You really did those things? Occooh. You little sod."

> Do you have a BOOK TO PUBLISH? Then leading independent publisher, may be able to help you.
> THE PENTLAND PRESS EDINSTRUM CAMBRIDGE DURHAN USA Biltorial Office (WO) 1 Hutton Close, South Jurch, Bishop Auckland, Durham DL 14 6XB

## Some enchanted evening

Leura Cumming

by Milan Kunders trans Linda Asher

ILAN KUNDERA'S new novel is set in the park of a French chateau, "a little plot of walks in the midst of a vast network of highways". Since Kundera likes to establish an early contract with the reader, he tenders this emblem of intent in the very first paragraph. But his book is so cunningly constructed and so elegantly written that you hardly notice he extent of its intellectual map until the final page. By then, you have spent a midsummer's night in the park with two pairs of hopeful lovers and everything seems to have passed in some enchanted

theme, but his variations are as philosophical as ever. Follow the lovers down a twilight avenue and you glide through a critique of Epicurus (pleasure as the absence of pain: too safe, too melancholy). Fol-low them to a moonlit pool and you

John Sweeney

Below the Parapet: The

Biography of Denis Thatcher

HarperCollins 302pp £16.99)

HE MOMENT one considers

national panto, a smile inevitably

breaks out. This Pavlovian response

is a legacy of Private Eye's "Dear

Bill" letters purportedly written by

Denis to Bill Deedes, golfer, electric

soup-drinking chum and former edi-tor of the Daily Telegraph. It was a

caricature that got up and walked, a

Frankenstein's monster stomping

the Home Counties, and the real

Denis Thatcher seemingly meta-

morphosed into the juniper-soused

halfwit. As his loving daughter records in this surprisingly frank

book: "Although unwilling to admit

it, once he became more confident

in his role as prime ministerial con-

sort, Denis ceased to be irritated by Dear Bill' and began to play up to the eccentric image he had been given. At a charity luncheon a fellow

guest asked him: 'Mr Thatcher, how

do you spend your time?' Rather

than banging on nobly about good works, Denis declared, Well, when

I'm not completely pissed I like to play a lot of golf',"

people they had invented."

Denis? Carol notes that Tim Bell - landish than the cartoon.

Denis Thatcher, one of the

great absurd figures in the

pass through the Enlightenment via though conducting a leisurely con-Liaisons Dangereuses (pleasure as versation over dinner with the sexual conquest: too competitive, too public). Soon you are on the - he names himself as your guide

- speeding towards the book's seductive argument: the principle of Kundera introduces this concept with lightsome charm. Motoring down to the chateau with his wife,

he is persecuted by the futile impatience of the man in the car behind. Beside the man sits a woman. "Why doesn't the man tell her something funny?" muses Kundera. "Why doesn't he put his hand on her knee?" Instead of relishing the potential for intimacy, the driver loses himself completely to the inanity of mechanical speed. Slowness is equated here with humanity, with numour, conversation, sex. It is a measurement of pleasure and even wisdom. As Kundera's old Czech proverb has it, life's amblers are 'gazing at God's windows".

inside an enormous resonating seashell". Slowness is also something of a seashell, a constant reverberation of ideas back and forth In the past, Kundera has made a between the centuries. Discretion, eature out of the abrupt splicing of essay and fiction. Here, they are in the better part of pleasure in the easy harmony. Kundera discusses | 18th century, is ousted by exhibiideas, offers amusing anecdotes, as I tionism in the 20th century. The

to suppress the past and stockpile

boasts for the future. His night at

the chateau concludes in farce: a

frantic pool-side coltion interrupted

y the sudden arrival of spectators.

Vincent's greed for public status is

In his adroit commentary on

Liaisons Dangereuses, Kundera re-

marks that "nothing in the novel

stays secret: everyone seems to live

appositely stymied.

n the media "dancer", the public figure who desires "to take over the stage so as to beam forth his self The French intellectual Berck, for example, who joins his enemy reader. Casually recommending a Duberques for a televised lunch French 18th century novella, he bewith Aids patients. Duberques 05gins to recount its tale of two lovers. tentatiously kisses a patient full on the mouth. Berck is challenged. restricted by circumstance to a sin-"Hasty imitation would add still gle night at the chateau. His prose greater lustre to the other man's becomes infused with their languid glory." The cameras record his eroticism, secret pleasure taken hesitation. "Those seconds cost him slowly to preserve it in memory. Pondering the relationship between dearly . . . the whole of France read haste and forgetfulness, Kundera is on his face the phases of his uncertainty, and sniggered." then reminded of his young friend Halfway through the novel, Mr Vincent, who pursues sex in order

speeding driver has his counterpart

GUARDIAN WEBJY

**QUARDIAN WEEKLY** 

being too jocular: "seriousness keeps you safe". In fact, the book is his funniest, rippling with philo-sophical jokes and satirical sketches Kissinger, for example, as the dancer's perfect pin-up. And its senousness is often lightly conveyed The final image is of the 18th century lover meditating on the night's fleeting happiness as his chaise departs slowly through the break ing dawn. In the tranquil poise of his

Kundera chides her husband for

The meaning of Kundera's brid novel is expressed in that moment. So is his achievement: infinite riches in a little room.

looked rather misty-eyed. 'Is she still incredibly beautiful?' he asked.' Denis had a good business mind, so they say, but his family firm, which flogged arsenic flavoured sheepdip round the world, was gobbled up by Castrol, which itself was taken over by Burmah. Each time Denis maraged to land upright in the boardroom, but only as an acolyte.

He hated the attention which flowed from his wife's public life. He turned to sport, refereeing rugby games. He appears to have been good at it, but even here he never made the top, international level Once he went to see his boy Mark play at Harrow; "He left at half-time elling one of the masters, 'God and all the angels couldn't turn my 500 into a rugby football player." The frostiness between father and son comes icily off the page like a Sibaian wind; the description of the scene at Heathrow when Mark re turns from getting lost in the Sahar to be hissed at by Denis "through elenched teeth" is a minor conte

gem.

Below The Parapet is far beigg
than one expects; honest, full of
sharp narrative, challenging even
Alan Clark's Diaries as the best

**NEW AUTHORS** 

MINERVA PRESS

sluggish and hormonal rather than "lean and sexy", which the back jacket of Doyle's book proclaims. Odd, isn't it, how male angst

Roddy Doyle . . . exploring the world of domestic violence

Irish writer Roddy Doyle

RODDY DOYLE, widely (though he says unfairly) regarded as one of literature's

lads, has written a novel about an

alcoholic woman, physically abused

by her husband, with a junkie son

who lives away from home on a

Why wasn't The Woman Who

Walked Into Doors (Jonathan Cape,

£14.99) written by a woman rather

han a male author who is noted for

having found an audience among

It may be that women are not

writing such books, wary of being

summed up, by the armies of barely

mbescent male critics who swarm

over review pages, as a "women's issues" novelist, fixated on "victim

feminism". Or that they are but pub-

ished by Virago and dismissed by

those same reviewers as worthy.

men who don't normally read,

dump estate somewhere.

talks to **Linda Grant** 

about his latest novel

Yours sadistically

elevision drama series The Family. He felt "she had an awful lot more she could say". Her story is set in Dublin, but beaten women are the same everywhere. Doyle's brilliance is in his depiction of her adolescence in the seventies, of workingclass boys and girls being sent to crap schools with crap teachers. At 11, Paula believes you can do what you want and that people will love you for it; at 13, life closes down as the ovaries begin production, sending the first eggs down the assem-

cool, while female depression is what you get when you take Valium instead of amyl nitrate? It is unfair to address any of this to Doyle himself. who has simply written the book he wanted to write and go hang the rest of the world. Paula began as a character in his

bly line, pushing out the breasts and the hips. Now a girl appears who is

also the reporter's estranged step-

father, which prompts questions of, uh, identity. Ferrigno is nearly very

three novels down the slide

any doubt that he loved her when they got married. I wanted to get walking around on a pair of eroge-

"Where I grew up - and probably everywhere else - you were either a slut or a tight bitch, one or another if you were a girl - and usually before you were 13," Doyle's Paula tells us. "You didn't have to do anything to be a slut. If you were good-looking; if you grew up fast. If you had a sexy walk; if you had clean hair, if you had dirty hair. If you wore platform shoes, and if you didn't. Anything could get you called a slut."

Once a girl had accepted the inevitability of her fate — that in order not to be a slut she had to be a genius-level brain or a nun - she set about becoming a ride, sexually bold, available and competent. In one of the book's most edgily funny passages, Paula masturbates a boy in the back of the class and gains the awed respect of her fellow pupils. What was it like, she is asked. "Lovely," she replies. Oh yeah? In what way?

It was a chore for Doyle, writing with Paula's voice, though an enjoy-able one. "There were times when I used to measure a successful day with the number of pages I could write," he says. "I couldn't do that with Paula. Granted there were days when I could get a lot done, but there were others when a paragraph seemed a reasonably good day's

The difficulty Doyle is going to face is that his novel will be judged as a textbook on everything from Irish education to alcoholism. Already one Irish critic has made the carping point that he has never heard of a case of back-row masturbation in Irish schools, as if a writer of fiction were not allowed to make anything up. Doyle consulted various texts on domestic violence and was stunned not by what he had got vrong but by sadism he could not

"One thing that really floored me was a husband hitting a wife when she was pregnant so she lost the baby, the sheer evil of it. The first time Charlo hits Paula, he does it to shut her up and it works so he does it again and it goes beyond that and becomes enjoyment, his creativity

goes into it." When The Family was shown on Irish television, viewers complained that Paula deserved what she got because she was an idiot to have married Charlo in the first place. Doyle says that's not how such mar-riages work. "I don't think there's

take when she married him, she wasn't fooled. She was in love with him and he was in love with her. They were an ideal couple, they followed a tradition that's been going on for thousands of years, they got married. The vast majority of men don't hit their wives until they're married. Charlo has that violent nature in him. In the first heady days, there's no need for him to use it, but then there's the more mundane reality of marriage and she gets pregnant and from his point of view less attractive and he can't handle it any

> told, and then he hits out at her." Although the book feels right as

more and she doesn't have his din-

ner ready and won't do what she's

male violence, it is the demands of iterature that allow Paula to triacross that she wasn't making a misumph. In the end she strikes back; he leaves and she hears no more of him until the police knock on the door to tell her that he is dead. In real life, men are not so obedient.

**BOOKS** 29

Doyle thinks there's not a household in Ireland that doesn't have a Roddy Doyle book in it somewhere. This one will be hard to avoid. The real impact, of course, will be if it were transferred to screen; "But if you make it into a film, you've got the neutral camera instead of her voice, so that would change it immediately. No, it's better left as a hook

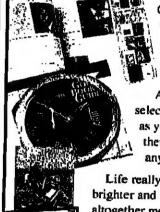
For women writers, however, it is a bitter irony that what may be the most accessible novel on domestic violence has been written by a man Although the book feels right as an account of women's perception of Football League.

# If you love books...



If you want to know which are worth reading If you appreciate honest, unbiased reviewing

Read The Good Book Guide Magazine



Carefully selected, intelligently written and beautifully illustrated. it's a superb guide to the best books cassettes, videos and CD-ROMS - published in the UK.

As a subscriber, you'll be able to select and order as many or as few titles as you want from each issue and have them delivered directly to your door anywhere in the world.

Life really is richer. altogether more lively with The Good

Book Guide around. But don't take our word for it. take out a 6 month subscription and

find out for yourself! Six good reasons to subscribe

- 6 monthly review magazines
- 6 copies of the GBG Extra
- The latest copy of The Good Book Guide Catalogue
- A FREE £5 token to spend
- Regular special offers It'll only cost you £12\*

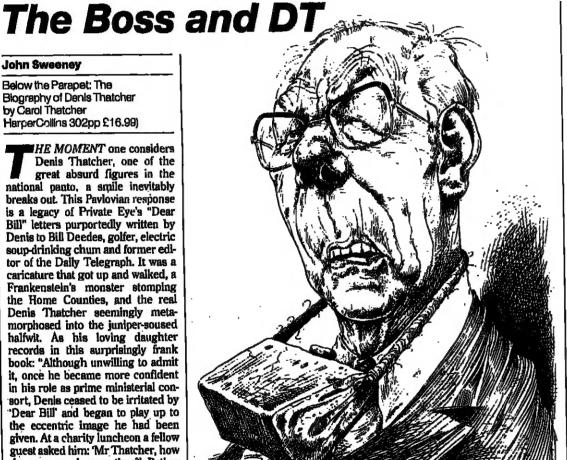
OUR DOUBLE GUARANTEE NO OBLIGATION TO BUY You'll never be obliged to buy anything and nothing will be sent to you unless you order it. NO OBLIGATION TO STAY You may cancel your any reason, and we will refund you the unexpired portion of your subscription fee.

ՐՐԿՏՏ<del>Ը</del>Կ

The 6 month subscription rate is: UK £12, Europe £14 (\$25), R.O.W. £16 (\$28). I enclose a cheque for .E ...... .... made payable to The Good Book Guide

			. to my	CLACK	can	G.	•		ı
	L:L	LE	1.1	-1	-1	9-4			Ç
	•	!	ı	•	:		1		_
piry Date		Signatu	re	·					
credit card is biller	in ano	ther cu	rrency, "	simpl	y en	ter the J	amou	nl – your credit card	•••

The Good Book Guide, 24 Seward Street, London EC1V 3GB, UK Tel: +44 (0)171 490 9900 Fax: +44 (0)171 490 9908



the PM's bouffant-haired PR guru - describes the night as "one of the

"The 'Dear Bill' team felt like cheering because he was surrounded by a group who looked exactly like the out in no time at all, but have you noticed one thing? When peace is Less happy was the night when restored there are no television cameras in sight. I'll tell you why -The Boss+DT (as Downing Street used to log his invites to official because the media are closet pinkos." — The satirist was dumb-founded: echt Denis was more outbeanos) went to see the play of the "Dear Bill" letters. Anyone for

But the figure that emerges from Carol's book is more complex, more tionalising quite a lot already: lying, stealing, forging . . it's all recorded here in this compelling, extraordinary confession. Can it be true?

And magnificently, the joke against himself is all true. Denis does it seems, like drinking a lot ordinary confession. Can it be true?

And magnificently, the joke against himself is all true. Denis has when our hero unbuttoned what he really felt about the world to Nick quite fulfilled his ambitions. Alhis cronies. The creators of "Dear Bill" — Richard Ingrams, John Wells and the late, great Peter Cook — were once sent a photograph of Dear Wells and the late, great Peter Cook — nessed the meeting: "Clearly Denis during the Milliam of t Denis quaffing champague in the Twickenham car park. Carol writes: said: "You get fuzzy wuzzies going seille. Shortly after Margaret became Leader of the Opposition, the News of the World started sniffing around the story of the first Mrs. Thatcher, Denis's wartime love, Margot Kempson; the marriage had collapsed in peacetime. While researching the book, Carol vialted Kempson, now Lady Hickman. "When I mentioned to Denis that I'd

been to see Margot, he paused and

Thrillers Chris Petit book on the Thatcher years. Card — out of honesty? Lack of honesty? Walking Back the Cat, by Robert Littell (Faber, £14.99) ment? Revenge? — reveals 100 many embarrassing family secrets which point up the functional 12 ture of her dad's second marins and the ways in which Margard see what's gone wrong, why a Thatcher's cold ambition crimps sleeper KGB assassin should be Thatcher's cold ambition crimes activated to kill a bunch of Indians in a quote from Nanny Barbar Denis, she recalls, "was very not at remembering to wave up at first at remembering to wave u at remembering to wave up at wall traceless men, beguiling gaps, mursery window as he left for with whereas Mrs Thatcher, where will be a little with the sleight of mind was already on her lob, wall beauty which a whole network is forget." Not many laughs the — The Observer

PUBLISH YOUR WORK
ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED
FIDION, Non-Flotton, Biography
Religious, Poetry, Childrens
AUTHORS WORLD-WIDE NVITED
Write or seind your manuscript to

NA class of his own. Littell's title

penetrated and redirected, and is none the wiser. Neat.

Dead Man's Dance, by Robert Ferrigno (Simon & Schuster, £18.99)

query the death of a judge — apparently killed by neo-Nazis — who is weather.

(Serpent's Tall, £8.99) BIERMANN, once a prostitute, casts a beady eye on the urban under-belly. Her radical, wide angle take on Berlin (still with its Wall

right up to his big exit.

intact, just) shows a city used to the brink, and a gallery of grotesques:

- fascists, racial killers, bigota -IP, alternative reporter and hipper Japanese photographer lover (this is southern California) lover (this is southern California) facts of the city, its times, places and after George Grosz. A jittery, multi-

THE kid-on-the-lam plot recalls Grisham's The Client, the men-

Nathan's Run, by John Glistrap

(Little Brown, £12.99)

good. He writes amart prose, but good guys still don't match the hoods. Epicene Rick, killer hairtor this time a radio phone-in hostess. Cute Nathan, 12 pushing 40 dresser, takes the cake, giggling gets put through a predictable manhunt wringer fleeing a murder rap; pre-teen sex is the only thing missing in this cynical by-the-numbers first novel.

Armed and Dangerous, by James Kennedy (Helnemann, £10)

A TIMELY breaking the cease-fire thriller. Renegade IRA unit busts out of prison with the aim of causing maximum damage, pursued by an uneasy alliance of spooks and IRA doves. Cut to a London of strange anomalies - The Big Issue sold door to door? - that lend a quirky, surreal air to what would otherwise appear old-fashloned.



ola da

1CC

рап:

tar

ast. ron

n a:

ıy &

from the prizegiving.
VSB 1996 this month, with a prize fund of \$60,000 was, seemingly, an arena for Kasparov to exorcise bad memories. But he began with another humiliating loss.

Topalov-Kasparov, Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 Nbd7 8 f4 Nc5 9 0-0 Ncxe4 Kasparov had ample experience of 6 Bc4 in his 1993 match with Nigel Short, 10 Nxe4 Nxe4 11 f5 e5 12 Qh5 Qe7? Short did his homework before playing Topalov two rounds later, and produced 12 . . . d5l 13 Re1 Bc5 14 Rxe4 Bxd4+ 15 Be3 0-0 16 Rxd4 exd4, when Black went on to win.

13 Qf3 Luring the black queen to e7 means that White can now counter exd4 by 14 Re1. Nc5 14 Nc6 Qc7 Not bxc6 15 Qxc6+ and Qxa8. 15 Bd5 a5? Kasparov plans to trap the knight, but the sturdy horse stays alive and proceeds to wreak havoc in the black camp. 15 . . . Bd7 is better, when the tactic 16 f6 Bxc6 17 fxg7 Bxg7 18 Bxf7+ Kd8 19 Qg4 Bf8 is repulsed, while 16 Nb4 looks doubtful value for White's sacrificed pawn.

16 Bg5! Ra6 f6 crashes to 17 Bxf6 gxf6 18 Qh5+ and mates. 17 Nd8 A picturesque move to play against the world champion when you are hardly out of the opening. f6 18 Nf7 Rg8 19 Be3 g6 20 Ng5 Rg7 21 fxg6 Rxg6 A desperate measure. Perhaps earlier, Kasparov planned hxg6 22 Qxf6 Qe7, returning the pawn, but then noticed 23 Nh7l Qxf6(Rxh7 24 Qxg6+ Kd8 25 Bg5) 24 Nxf6+ Kd8 25 Bh6 winning at least the exchange.

22 Bf7+ Qxf7 23 Nxf7 Kxf7 24 Bxc5 dxc5 25 Rad1 Be7 26 Rd5 Bg4 27 Qe4 Kg7 28 Rfd1! Bxd1 29 Rxd1 Returning some material. White eliminates all counterplay. Later Topalov exchanged

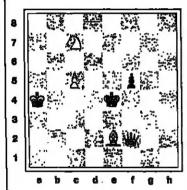
rooks, infiltrated his king and queen into the black position, then potted black pawns until Kasparov resigned at move 66.

Nigel Short, who often begins badly, also lost in the first round when his slow opening 6 . , . a6 and 10 . . . Nf8 allowed the French No 1 to work up a quick attack. 26 Nxd5l is decisive: Short cannot capture 28 ... Qxd5 because of 29 Nxg6+ hxg6 30 Qxg6.

Lautier-Short, Queen's Indian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 a3 Bb7 5 Nc3 d5 6 Qc2 a6 7 cxd5 exd5 8 g3 Nbd7 9 Bf4 Be7 10 Bg2 Nf8 11 Ne5 Ne6 12 Qa4+ Kf8 13 Rd1 Nxf4 14 gxf4 g6 15 Qb3 Kg7 16 Bf3 Rf8 17 h4 Rb8 18 h5 c5 19 e3 Qd6 20 Rg1 Qe6 21 hxg6 fxg6 22 Qc2 Kh8 23 Rh1 Kg7 24 Rg1 Kh8 25 dxc5 bxc5 26 Nxd5! Bxd5 27 Bxd5 Nxd5 28 Rxd5 Rf5 29 Rd2 g5 30 Nc6 Rbf8 31 Nxe7 Qxe7 32 Qc3+ Kg8 33 Qc4+ R8f7 34 Rd5 Kf8 35 Rxg5 Rxf4 36 Qxa6 Rxf2 37 Qc8+ Qe8 38

No 2417



White mates in three move against any defence. An easy-look ing problem which took me half an hour to solve. Can you do better?

No 2416: 1 Nb2. If Kxd5 2 Nc4 and if Kxc4 3 Bg8, or Kc6 3 Be4, or Ke6 3 Nc7. If 1 . . . Ke5 2 Nc7 Kd6 3 Bg3



## Call of the crane

Mark Cocker

HE MAGNIFICENT birds I went to see recently enjoy an almost sacred status in oriental mythology. To the Japanese they are symbols of longevity, and to the Indians emblems of devotional love, while in some Chinese myths they carry the souls of the dead to paradise.

For me these associations strike a resonant chord, and whenever I go to watch Britain's only flock as they come to their evening roost, it seems an experience akin to a formal rite.

When I first arrived at the wildest, most easterly of the Norfolk Broads, formations of geese were circling overhead in search of open fields where they would be safe during the hours of darkness. Marsh and hen harriers then drifted in to hunt over the reedbeds before settling on their platforms within the vegetation. An owl emerged and quartered the fields,

while smaller birds roosting in bushes around me seemed to be caught in a last convulsion of alarm, before the darkness smothered their fears and they lapsed into silence. The moon and stars were soon showing. In fact, it was so dark and the six

birds were flying so low over the bushes I could barely make them out. But in flight Common Cranes are unmistakable. One call almost feel the inrush of air following the long deliberate uplift of their massive wings.

After only a few dozen of these powerful rhythmic strokes, they pitched down silently into the heart of the marsh. Lasting just a few seconds, it was a typical sighting and once they disappeared completely I could only imagine what followed.

For as cranes land, especially in spring, they leap and "dance" and the males raise their heads skywards to deliver a trumpeting call. Long convolutions in the trachea

mable them to produce an extremely powerful note. And it was this sound, both haunting and triumphant as it filled the entire

GUARDIAN WEBSY

superintives. I can probably best indicate their size by revealing with a degree of shame, that it is wingspan is even more impressive loudest species.

Eurasian range, all cranes make seasonal movements to and from the northern breeding areas.

So it was a source of some confi sion when three birds took up per manent residence in the Broads it. 1979. Since then they have hardly left the region and have never traelled farther than southern Ene

The apparent lack of a true migra they were originally birds released from captivity.

However, there is a possibility that since Norfolk is midway be tween their normal wintering and summering grounds, this region can provide their year-round re quirements.

landscape, which signalled the climax of my visit to see them. Of all Britain's breeding birds,

cranes can surely boast the most the only bird I have ever mistaken for a sheep. It is easily the talest, although its two-and-a-half-metre and outstrips the largest eagle. Since that resounding bugle note can carry over six kilometres, l suspect it also) qualifies as the

POPULATION of 1-3 pain makes it a national raily which even has the adde allure of a mystery. Although crass were once widespread in Britain the drainage of wetland habitus eliminated them as breeding birth in the 17th century. Stray ndividuals have continued to occur, but these are normally Scanding vian migrants on their way to wintering areas in France and Spain. In fact, across their entire

tory instinct led to speculation that

nine. Nor would they wish anything for this precarious Norfolk toehold in the women's race Uta Pippig of than it become a secure population

Football Premiership: Southampton 3 Manchester United

# Saints give United an almighty shock

Martin Thorpe

HIS was the weekend that football lovers experienced the problems of premature evaluation, a psychological weakness afflicting those who crown a team as champions before they have actually won the title. Or lost it. In 1992 United's late jitters let in Leeds, the following year Villa let in United, in 1994 Blackburn almost trumped United, and last season United nearly overhauled Blackburn.

But history is ignored. Hence a title run-in this season that reads like the plot of a crime thriller: first everyone was convinced that Newcastle had done it, then all the evidence pointed to Manchester United. Now nobody knows what to hink — except that there are bound o be more twists to come.

The blame for this latest one lies

largely with the author of the season's shock result — Dave Merrington, a Geordle-born lay preacher troubled by the problem. Only a late Cantona equaliser salvaged a recent point at spirited QPR.

Troubled by the problem. Only a late captain own area had almost let in Dodd after 20 seconds before the captain Steve Bruce committed a petulant

What made the Saints' perfor-Southampton into such a high state of self-belief that they beat arguably mance so devastating was that they also got behind the ball in numbers, the best team in the country. attacked mob-handed, passed with impressive slickness and tucked His tactic was dubious for a man of God, denying United two staples away their chances. Not even Can-tona could bail out United this time. of creation, time and space. But it was the obvious way to succeed. Such constricting tactics are a prime and understandable piece of the ar-But Ferguson's team did not help

themselves. Perhaps after an unbeaten run of 18 games they were moury used by sides fighting the due a defeat, but the manner of it was foe of relegation and are an irritatnaive and lazy. They knew that ing test of the true quality of leading Southampton would come at them, teams. Last Saturday United were left with, literally, nowhere to turn.
Liverpool's championship hopes
were all but ended by a similar ploy but were still surprised and overrun. Pressed constantly when in posses-sion, they gave the ball away with disheartening regularity to add pressure from similar opposition at relegato an already shaky defence. It was tion-threatened Coventry over a fatal combination that ushered in Easter, and Saturday was not the first time that United have been

all three Southampton goals, Beckham's suicidal pass into his

foul on Charlton in retaliation for a perceived offence seconds earlier. It proved a costly piece of indiscipline. Le Tissier's free-kick found Monkou unchallenged five yards out, Schmeichel saved the header but the Dutch defender was first to pounce

on the rebound.

Had Butt not wasted an inviting chance two minutes earlier the momentum of the match might have been different. But now it was fully with Southampton. Dodd was allowed a free shot from which he should have scored, and Le Tissier hit the post before Southampton's second goal arrived thanks to more sloppy play by United. This time Giggs lost the ball to Magilton, and he fed Neilson whose quick cross to

by Shipperley while Bruce and Neville watched him do it. Up until this point United's sharpest attacks had been aimed at

each other as they fought to apportion blame for the mess. But the culprit for Southampton's third goal was the normally impeccable Schmeichel, who overstretched himself coming for Shipperley's cross and palmed the ball down to Le Tissier. Any other player might have pan-

SPORT 31

icked at finding the big Dane at his feet, but the skills of Southampton's mercurial genius are returning after his bout of England blues, and his nonchalant flick over the prostrate goalkeeper was followed by an equally calm shot inside the far

United really did have a strip torn off them at half-time. They emerged in blue and white, having lost patience with the away-day grey in which they have never won. It risked upsetting Umbro and the soccer authorities but they needed something. It did not work. Giggs scored a late consolation goal but the near post was swept in first time | the damage was too great to repair.

Sports Diary Shiv Sharma

# Kenya's Boston 1-2-3 party

believed him."

more than 50,000 runners in the 100th staging of the e Boston marathon, the world's dest, first held in 1897 when 15 uners started.

Tanui, last year's runner-up, beome the seventh Kenyan winner in in years, triumphing in 2hr 09min hec to collect the \$100,000 first are and book a place in his counly's Olympic team.

Kenya's decision to hold their Olympic trials within this event made it inevitable that Africans would dominate the race. Kenyans Whatever their true origins, is filled seven of the first 10 places inbody genuinely interested in wildling the top five, with Ezekiel is disappointed that they have blok second and Cosmas Ndeti, gradually increased to a total d chasing an unprecedented fourth

> Germany made it three wins in a <sup>ow when</sup> she caught and passed lega Lorupe within sight of the finthin a winning time of 2.27.12.

/ITH just three months to go until the start of the Olympic Ames in Atlanta a series of probkns threaten to overshadow the tournament game. His partner, but party planned for the celebrawhom he had met just before the bon of the Centennial Games. These include a lawsuit between the rganisers and the designers of the Oyapic Stadium, fears over the completion of the awimming arena was refused admission and the organizers even tried to throw him out blowing the collapse of two beams blowing ster they were put up, rowing local concern about crime and terrorism and worries that the strately formal terrorism. Mately funded event still needs 800 million to cover the \$1.7 billion will cost to stage.

practice.

"What on earth did you bid the sanctioned Wheel of Fortune on?" demanded North after the leopardy as official "Game outh.
"I never told you to open and some conditioners, and soap.

OSES TANUI led home | been battered and sexually molested | of his hotel. However, when it was by Tyson in a private booth at the Clique nightclub. The boxer is into the second of four years of parole after serving three years in prison for rape. Any serious breach would return him automatically to prison.

> ICK McCARTHY, the Republic of Ireland football manager. IRST DIVISION Huddersfield has been banned from receiving FA Town have sacked striker Craig Cup Final tickets for 10 years after Whitington after he was banned by two of the four he received for last the Football Association from all acyear's match ended up being sold livities connected with the game for £350 each on the black market. until November 1. Whitington was McCarthy is the most high-profile found guilty of misconduct after failvictim of investigations into the ing two separate drugs tests. black market trade at the 1995 final. The FA has black-listed 36 individuals and organisations. McCarthy I RISHMAN Eamonn Loughran hit said: "I'm bitterly disappointed. I the canvas three times in 51 secgave the tickets to a friend at face onds to lose his WBO welterweight value and he told me he had at-

title to Jose Luis Lopez of Mexico at tended the game with another friend and their respective sons. I Liverpool. The challenger caught him completely by surprise with a devastating punch to the jaw and Loughran took a count of eight. Two more knockdowns followed before /INNIE JONES. British soccer's the referee stopped the fight. hard man, was ruled offside when he arrived as a self-appointed ambassador of sporting tolerance and fair play to attend a Council of

A USTRALIAN fast bowler Bren-don Julian has signed for Surrey, filling the overseas player slot originally offered to but rejected by South African all-rounder Brian McMillan. The Western Australia left-armer replaces Waqar Younis, who will be touring with Pakistan, as overseas player. Julian has made seven Test appearances for his country since making his Test debut against England at Old Traf-ford in 1993.

THESE are auxious times for football fans. When Liverpool ed the late winner alle. Dominic Hourd, watching the game on TV, kicked out in frustration and accidently knocked the budgle's case off its stand. The bird died minutes later. The story appeared in a newspaper and Dominic was inundated with offers of replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles. He turned them with offers of replacement budgles are replacement budgles acored the late winner against New-castle. Dominic Hourd, watching budgies and Newcastle kept losing, Bristo Hovers 42, 16 9 16 54 57 63 17 Could become known as a serial Wycombe 42 14 14 14 67 55 66 Water 40 16 10 15 49 41 56

discovered that Jones, who has been shown the red card 11 times in his footballing career but is now trying to change his image, had been sent the invitation by mistake, he was allowed to attend the meeting. but strictly as an observer.

Shelf Wed Southampton Man City

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE: First Division: Barnsley O. Reading 1; Birmingham 4, Luion O, Charlton O, Derby O; C Palece 2; Southend O; Huddersilled 3, Millwall O; Ipswich 2, Norwich 1; Oldham O, Wolverhampton O; Sheff Uld O. Sunderland O; Stoke 2, Portsmouth 1; Traumere 1, Letcester 1; Watford 5, Port Vale 2; West Brom 3, Gransby 1.

Second Division: Brentford C, Notte Co C; Brietol Rvrs 1, Blackpool 1; Burnley 2, Peterborough 1; Carliele 1, Wrexham 2; Chesterfield 1, Bristol C 1; Hull 1, Crewe 2; Swansea 2, Brighton 1; Swindon 2; Bournemouth 2; Walsa

# 

	<b>B</b>						. А	Pto
	Preston	42	20	17	5			
	Gliffingham	42	21	14	1 7			
	Bury	42				60		
1	Wigan	43	20					
4	Plymouth					60		70
1	Darlington	42	19			63		69
ı	Damington	42	17		8	49	38	88
J	Barnet	43	17	15	11	59		66
ı	Colchester	42	1ĕ	16	ΪŌ	65		64
1	Chester	42	18	15	11			
ı	Hereford	40	16			67		63
ı	Northempton	42			10	52	4)	82
L	Exeter		17	11	14	47	40	62
L		43	13	16	14	43	48	86
L	Scunthorpe	41	14	12	15	56	52	64
L	Rochdale	42	14	11	17	54	65	53
L	Doncester	42	14	10	18	44	56	52
L	Fulham	43	11	16	16	56		
L	Lincoln	43	12	13	18		60	49
Г	Mansfield	47	10			51	69	49
Į.	Hartlepool	42		19	12	47	56	49
Ĺ	Leylon Orient		11	13	18	43	58	46
ı	Coylon Onent	43	12	10	21	41	56	48
ľ	Cambridge Utd	42	11	12	19	54	68	48
ı	Cerdiff	43	10	12	21	38		42
	Scarborough	43	7 .	16	20	36		37
	Tarret		<u> </u>	<del></del>			C24	91

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Aberdsen 2, Motherwell f Hibernian 1, Celtic 2; Klimernock 1, Falkirk 0, Rath 1, Hearts 3; Rangers 5, Partick 0.

Duntamilne 1; Hamilton 0, Greenock Monton 1; St Johnstone 1, Dundee Utd 0, Leeding positions; 1; Dundee Utd (33-63); 2, Dunterniine (33-62); 3, St Johnstone (33-61).

Third Division: Brechin O, Livingston 1: Catedohian Thiatie 2, Cowdenbeath O; East O; Stiffing 1, Albion 1; Oueen's Pk O, Arboath O; Ross County O, Alba O. Leading positioner 1, Livingston (33-65); 2, Brachin (33-60); 3, Celedonian Thiatie (33-63).

## Quick crossword no. 310

#### Acrosa 1 Chap — found walking along the coast (4) 3 Incident (8) 9 Atomic (7) 10 Concur (5) Weird (5)

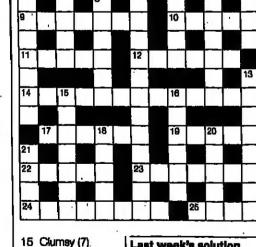
- 12 Rough? That's odd (6) 14 Procrastinated (6.3.4)
- 17 Meat pin (6) 19 Imprecise (5) 22 Prize (5) 23 Perplex (7)
- dish (8) 25 Slough outbuilding (4)
- Down Disdaln (8) 2 Clergyman (5) 4 Perimeter (13) 5 Proverb (5) 6 Jewish Inhabitant of

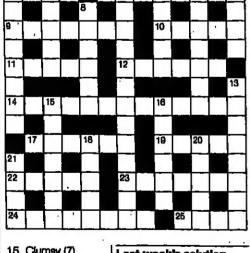
Holy Land (7)

7 Want (4)

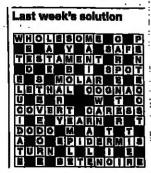
8 Ebb (6)

13 Dead (8)





15 Clumsy (7). 16 Chasm (6) 18 Jam — a stice of cake (5) 20 Canyon (5) 21 Rifle -- fire (4)



## **Bridge** Zia Mahmood

RIDGE TODAY, a US D magazine, invited its readers to submit real-life deals that might have been played by Victor Mollo's Rueful Rabbit. The Rabbit was a lovable character who, though hopelessly incompe tent, contrived to make hugely uccessful bids and played entirely by accident. The competition ran for a year, and attracted several excellent deals. I like this one, which won second prize.

your opening lead after South, your right-hand opponent, has opened 3NT:

4J943 ♥Q104 ◆82 **4**A854

The usual meaning of a 3NT opening is a long, solid minor suit with perhaps a trick on the side — the so-called "Gambling 3NT" opening. The standard is an ace, to have a look at dummy and gauge where the opponents' weak spot may be. So if you selected the ace of clubs, as Nick Straguzzi of New Jersey did, congratulations you have found the expert lead.

led the only card in your hand that will allow South to make his contract! This - and you may not believe it at first - was the

٠.		North
١		<b>★</b> K 6 5
١		¥A76
1		♦ KQJ 10 9 4
- 1		<b>#</b> 6
١	West	. East
	<b>♦</b> J943	♦ A 10 7
	♥ Q 10 4	. ♥J852
	<b>* 82</b>	. 4 6 3
	4A854	<b>♣</b> K Q 10 9
		South
	· .	4 Q82
		¥ K 9 3
		♦ A 7 5
	l .	<b>♣</b> J732

and this was the bidding: South West North East 3NT No No After the ace of clubs lend,

No

there was no way in which the defenders could come to more than three club tricks and a spade. As a test of your imagina-tion, try to think what might have prompted South to make so

extraordinary an opening bid. Well, the explanation is that South was a true Rucful Rabbl, with little experience of the start of the competition, was a more experienced practitions who had made the fatal mistal? of trying to persuade South to play one or two conventions. Rabbits love conventions, and South was no exception. He listened avidly as the 3NT opening was explained to him, and lost no opportunity to put his new-found knowledge into

play was over.

"It was the Gambling 3NI, it was the Gambling 3NI, it is famous five-ring logo to South,

on a hand like that," said North "Yes, you did," retorted South. "You said it showed a hand with nine or 10 points

Take the West hand and select

lead against such an opening bid

Unfortunately, you have also

	North ♠ K6 5 ♥ A 7 6 ◆ KQJ 10 9 4 ♣ 6
West	. East
<b>4</b> J943	<b>♠</b> A 10 7
♥ Q 10 4	. ♥J852
<b>+82</b>	. • 63
<b>♣</b> A854	♠ K Q 10 9
	South
· .	4 Q82
	¥ K93
	♦ A 7 5
	7 11 10

ROUBLE continues to follow boxing champlon Mike Tyson. hand with nine or 10 pour states new charges of aexual as even had a maximum!

There was a pause, "Rine of the lephoned Chicago police for the lephoned Chicago police eventually, "But I meant all in the lephoned Chicago police eventually, "But I meant all in the lephoned Chicago police eventually, "But I meant all in the lephoned Chicago police eventually."

Austin MIKE MAY BE COMING BACK TO DO HIS MASTER'S.

Europe conference on sport in Ams-

terdam. The Wimbledon footballer

### Football results and league tables FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal O.

PA GANLING PHERNEHBRIEF Arsenary, Tottenham 0; Chelsea 4, Leeds 1; Coventry 1, QPR 0; Man C 1, Shelf Wed 0, Middlesbrough 1, Wimbledon 2; Newcastle 1, Aston Villa 0, Notim Forest 1, Blackburn 6; Southermoton 3, Aan Utri 1; West Harn 1, Bollon 0.

Third Division: Barnet 5, Hartiepool 1; Bury 1, Torquay 0, Cambridge Utd 2; Doncaster 2; Chester 1, Rochdale 2; Colchester 2, Fulham 2; Gillingham 1, Exeter 0; Hersford 3, Leyton Onent 2; Lincoln 2, Mansfield 1; Plymouth 5, Scarborough 1; Preston 0, Northampton 3; Scunthorpe 1, Cardiff 1; Wigen 1, Darlington 1.

	David	P				P	A	Pt
١	Preston	42		17	5	71		7
J	Gliffingham	42		14		46		7
ı	Bury	42	20	12	10	60		71
ĺ	Wigan	43	20			60		
ľ	Hymoulh	42	19			63	51	70
ı	Darlington	42	17	17	8		46	85
ı	Barnet	43	17	15		49	38	88
ľ	Colchester	42			11	59	41	66
ı	Chester		16	16	10	65	47	64
ı	Herelord	42	16	15	11	67	48	63
	Morthomassa	40	16	14	10	52	41	82
'	Northempton	42	17	11	14	47	40	62
	Exeter	43	13	16	14	43	48	86
	Scunthorpe	41	14	12	15	56	52	64
	Rochdale	42	14	11	17	54	65	53
	Doncester	42	14	10	18	44	56	52
	Fulham	43	11	16	16	56	60	40
	Lincoln	43	12	13	18	51		40
	Mansfield	47	10	19	12	47	56	
	Hartlepool	42	ii	13	18	43		49
	Levion Orient	43	12	10	21	41		46
	Cambridge Lite	42	11	12	19			48
	Cardiff	43	10	12	18	54	68	46

42 5 13 24 29 73 28 AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Finali

Piret Division: Clydébank 2, Airdrie 1; Dumbarton 0, St Mirran 1; Dúndee 1; Duntermine 1; Hamilton 0, Come

Becond Division: Berwick 4, Montrose 1; Clyde 2, East Fife 2; Forter 2, Strawer 3; Queen of South 0, Stiring 7; Sterntousemulr 0, Ayr 1: Leading positions: 1, Stiring (33-72); 2, East Fife (33-64); 3, Berwick (33-54).

1 STAN.

da

3CC

ORD

itaı

tor

n a

yy ≀